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Dear Ian and David,

Re: 2AM-DOH0713, 2BB-BOS0712, and 2BE-HOP0712 Request for alternate discharge location and waiving discharge waiting period

Under each of the 3 Water Licences held by Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML), written notice must be provided to the Inspector a minimum of 10 days prior to any planned discharge of compliant water from the sumps and containment areas in the Hope Bay Project area. Each of the Water Licences also specify that each of the sumps and containment areas must be discharged to select locations on the tundra, unless otherwise approved by the Inspector.

With this letter, HBML is requesting the following:

- 1) HBML is requesting advance Inspector approval to discharge compliant water upon receipt of sample results showing the water to be compliant with the discharge criteria specified for the selected sump or containment area. HBML would continue to issue a notification letter, including the complete laboratory results and the estimated volume to be discharged, but would like to begin discharging water within 24 hours after issuing the notification letter.
- 2) HBML is requesting Inspector approval to discharge compliant sump water to other areas on site, including for dust suppression activities on roads or quarries, and drilling brine for surface drills and underground mining activities, as required. Water not required for these activities would continue to be discharged to the tundra using methods to prevent erosion.

These alterations would allow HBML to conserve freshwater when compliant sump or containment water is available, and would also allow more efficient management of water.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am available to discuss this with you at your convenience. Feel free to contact me at [angela.holzapfel@newmont.com](mailto:angela.holzapfel@newmont.com) or 604-345-3122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Holzapfel', with a stylized, cursive script.

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cc. Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board, Stanley Anablak, KIA Lands