

June 23, 2011

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**Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Storage of Waste Rock on Pad Q**

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Dear Mr. Hohnstein,

As discussed with you yesterday on the phone, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. is writing to confirm that the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) will be considering our request to approve the Waste Rock Management Plan and providing a response within the next week.

We are also confirming that in the interim period, while the NWB considers our request to approve the Waste Rock Management Plan, HBML plans to place 40,000 tonnes of non-mineralized not potentially acid generating (PAG) diabase waste rock on pad Q. This will raise the level of the constructed Pad Q to the final design elevation prior to the placement of ore on the pad which is scheduled to occur within two weeks. Pad Q is within the pollution containment area and this area is approved for temporary storage of ore stockpiles. Pad Q was built using clean non-PAG quarry rock, as per the 2AM-DOH0713 licence conditions, as shown in the attached issued-for-construction drawings (see in particular Pad Q Expansion Sections). These drawings also show how we plan on placing the waste rock on the pad to bring it to design level. Also attached are photos showing Pad Q as it is currently constructed prior to the placement of the waste rock.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to me at [Chris.Hanks@newmont.com](mailto:Chris.Hanks@newmont.com).

Sincerely,

for

Chris Hanks  
Vice President, Environmental Affairs  
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.



Doris North Camp Pads on 2010.08.06 looking ~NE towards Pad H/J and Q



Part of Pad Q looking towards portal on 2011.06.13