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VIA EMAIL

Re: 2AM-DOH0713 Notification of burning nitroglycerine (NG) based products (Geldyne and Xactex) for on-site disposal

Dear Ian,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) has identified that there are explosive products at Hope Bay that pre-date Newmont's acquisition of the project and these are no longer suitable for their intended uses. As a result of this, HBML will be burning approximately 494 cases of old stock explosives in Quarry 2 in September and October of 2011.

To assess on-site disposal options, HBML contacted the explosives manufacturer for information. The manufacturer indicated that the Geldyne explosives "burn very cleanly and over 99% of the emissions will be water, nitrogen and carbon dioxide. There may be trace quantities of CO or NOx and potentially some organics (methane, etc). Detonation and combustion products will be similar but not identical because atmospheric oxygen will take part in the latter but not the former. As the cartridge makes Geldyne quite oxygen negative, the combustion products will be significantly cleaner than the detonation products."

Please contact me at angela.holzapfel@newmont.com or 604-345-3122, or Chris Hanks, VP Environmental Affairs at chris.hanks@newmont.com if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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