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June 16, 2011

Mr. Chris Hanks
Director Environment, Social Responsibility
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Subject: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Response to Comments on Waste Rock Management Plan and Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17.

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt on June 2, 2011 of Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) response to comments on its Waste Rock Management Plan and HBML's request pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17 of water licence 2AM-DOH0713. The submission includes the following documents:

- Letter from C. Hanks, HBML, to S. Lines, NWB, Re: Responses to Comments on Waste Rock Management Plan and HBML Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17, dated June 1, 2011;
- EK 35 Synthetic Organic Dust Control Material Safety Data Sheet;
- DL 10 Camphorsulphonic acid, sodium salt Safety Data Sheet; and
- Memo from K. Sexsmith, SRK Consulting, to C. Hanks, HBML, Subject; Formal SRK Responses to KIA Requests, dated May 11, 2011.

These documents are available for download from the NWB's ftp site using the username "public" and the password "registry, without the quotes, at the following link or by contacting the NWB office:

[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-DOH0713/3%20TECHNICAL/4%20WASTE%20DISP%20\(G\)/G16%20and%20G17/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-DOH0713/3%20TECHNICAL/4%20WASTE%20DISP%20(G)/G16%20and%20G17/)

By copy of this letter, the NWB would like to confirm with the KIA that the responses provide the clarification necessary to complete their assessment associated with the noted Plan. The NWB is aware by correspondence that HBML had provided the KIA with the response along with the submission to the NWB and would like to request a confirmation of the receipt and whether the KIA has further issues or concerns now that these clarifications have been made. The NWB is requesting that the KIA please submit any further written comments by **June 21, 2011** to Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB Manager of Licensing, at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org so that a final determination can be made with respect to the Plan and Items 16 and 17 of Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713.



With regards to SRK's response to KIA question #5, the NWB anticipates that a separate response will be provided by HBML as part of the Updated Revised Interim Water Management Plan due August 1, 2011 as required by the NWB in its correspondence to HBML dated June 1, 2011¹. If this is not the case, HBML is requested to inform the NWB as soon as possible of its intentions regarding this item.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the NWB office.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

David Hohnstein
Director of Technical Services

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¹ Letter from D. Hohnstein, NWB, to C. Hanks, HBML, Re: Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713, Part F, Item 1; Review of Revised Interim Water Management Plan, dated June 1, 2011.

