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**Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Part G, Item 23 Tailings Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

As per my discussion with David Honhstein in September 2009, this letter confirms that the tailings impoundment area that was contemplated as part of the Doris North Project permitted by the Doris North Type A Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713 has not yet been constructed.

Following the announcement of October 29, 2009 to move forward with underground development and ultimately milling, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) now plans to build the tailings impoundment area during the winter of 2011-2012. At this time, the plan is to build the facility as previously approved to start the project. A management plan will be submitted in September 2011.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our response. If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact me at [chris.hanks@newmont.com](mailto:chris.hanks@newmont.com).

Sincerely yours,

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