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Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0 (867) 360-6338

Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Part G, Item 7 Landfill Management Plan

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

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

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is preparing a conceptual design and a site study to be presented to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, which owns the land and had previously asked Miramar before the purchase by HBML, not to build the facility at that time. Once and if agreement is reached with KIA, HBML will submit a more complete package to the NWB. A management plan for the facility, which will include issued-for-construction drawings, will be submitted to the NWB 60 days prior to the operation of the landfill. Once the facility is complete, HBML will submit as-built drawings to the NWB. Copies will be provided to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our response. If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:chris.hanks@newmont.com">chris.hanks@newmont.com</a>.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Hanks Director, Environment and Social Responsibility Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

cc: David Hohnstein, Acting Director of Technical Services