

June 1, 2010

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**Re: Review of Doris North Incinerator Management Plan, May 14, 2010**

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Dear Mr. Hohnstein,

With this letter, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) would like to respond to your May 14, 2010 letter regarding the review of the Incinerator Management Plan that we submitted in August 2009. In your letter you mention two separate issues: the incinerator management plan and a landfill management plan. I will discuss each in turn below.

**Incinerator Management Plan Items**

*Composting of Food Waste versus Incineration:*

HBML has not yet moved forward with a composting pilot project/investigation. Should one take place and should composting become the preferred option for the processing of food wastes, HBML will submit an amendment application as required by the NWB to amend Part G Item 5 of licence 2AM-DOH0713.

*Executive Summary and Translated Executive Summary:*

No executive summary was included in the submitted Incinerator Management Plan. This is an omission on our part. A summary will need to be prepared and sent for translation. Due to the time required for documents to be translated, it is not possible to submit the executive summary of this management plan, and its translation, by May 31, 2010, as requested. HBML proposes that the executive summary and translated executive summary be submitted by July 15, 2010.

**Landfill Management Plan Items**

*Status of Landfill:*

HBML is nearing completion of a Landfill Management Plan to be presented to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). This plan will be used by the KIA to decide whether or not to allow a landfill to operate on Inuit Owned Land at Hope Bay. Once a decision is made, HBML will update the NWB on its plans with regards to a landfill.

*Incinerator Stack Testing Requirement:*

HBML performed a stack test at the Doris North incinerator in October 2010. The results of this stack test were reported to the NWB on February 25, 2010 and were also reported in the 2AM-DOH0713 2009 Annual Report at Item 12. HBML will continue to comply with Part G Item 6 and Schedule B Item 12 of licence 2AM-DOH0713.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com](mailto:Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com).

Sincerely,

for

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