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Re: 2010 Doris North Incinerator Stack Testing

Dear Mr. Fox,

I would like to inform you that Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) will be delaying the 2010 Doris North incinerator stack test. As you are aware, HBML is required by the Type A water licence 2AM-DOH0713 to ensure that the onsite incinerator meets the Canada-Wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans and the Canada-Wide Standards for Mercury emissions (Part G Item 6). HBML is also required by the Doris North Project Certificate, issued by NIRB, to perform annual stack tests of its incinerator to show compliance with the standards.

HBML will be delaying the 2010 stack test until 2011 when the construction of our Waste Management Facility will be completed. The facility has not yet been built due to the fact that materials for its construction will be arriving on this fall's sealift. The construction of this facility is an important aspect for the implementation of our best management practices mentioned in the letter sent to you on February 16, 2010 with the results of our 2009 incinerator stack test.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com">Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com</a> should you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks Director Environmental and Social Responsibility Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

cc.: Li Wan, NIRB; Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB