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Nunavut Water Board
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Attention: Ms Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director
Ms Phyllis Beaulieu, Licensing Manager

Re: Notification under 2AM-DOH0713 - Part H – Item 1 Temporary Modification of the Conditions Applying to Water Supply Facilities and Waste Treatment at the Doris North Accommodations and Mill Site

As per our conversation last week, to facilitate construction of the infra-structure at the Doris North site, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) needs to bring in a temporary 49 person Weatherhaven Camp. This camp is consistent with the NIRB Project Certificate as it will be located within the foot print of disturbance reviewed by NIRB. The total number of people residing at Doris North will not exceed the 161 referred to in the license. In take of water and discharge of waste will be from and to the same locations considered during assessment and specified in the water license.

The Weatherhaven Camp will use the water intake location described in the environmental assessment and specified in Part E – Item 1 of the water license. Self-contained incinerator toilet systems will combust black water wastes. The ash will be collected and removed from site to an acceptable treatment facility. Gray water generated by laundry, kitchen, and dry facilities will be processed using a Peak Energy Services Membrane Treatment system and then discharged at the authorized location. Effluent will meet water license discharge criteria and will be conducted as per the terms of Part G – Item 3c of the water license. An operations plan for the temporary unit is being prepared and will be filed with the Board.

Temporary Smart Ash Cyclonic Model No. I-013 Incinerators appropriate in capacity to the maximum occupancy of the temporary camp and able to meet Part G – Items 5 and 6 will be brought in and utilized until the permanent incinerator for the Doris Camp is installed during the summer of 2008. An operations plan for the temporary unit is currently being prepared and will be filed with the Board.

Part H-Item 1 specifies notification of the Board 60 days prior to the beginning of the modification. Unfortunately, HBML was unable to locate a suitable camp until a week ago and has not been able to confirm the configuration of the waste treatment facilities until much more recently. HBML would therefore apologize for the lack of 60 day notification and would ask if the board could review the notification for a planned construction start of June 1.

HBML will provide the Board with the rest of the required documentation as quickly as it becomes available.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 1-303-945-6937 or at <michael.meyer@newmont.com>

Yours truly,

Michael Meyer
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