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Dear David;

Re: Notification of Construction of a Landfarm at Doris North - Design Drawings – Type A Water Licence 2AMDOH0713

Under the terms of Type A Water Licence 2AMDOH0713, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is permitted to construct a Landfarm under Part A-1 for the treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil. This structure was not immediately constructed following the purchase of the Hope Bay Greenstone Belt from Miramar Mining Ltd by Newmont Mining Corporation because the Doris North Project was deferred in a letter to the Nunavut Water Board dated September 11, 2008. As of October 29, 2009, Newmont now plans to proceed with development of the Doris North Project. As part of this development, HBML will now proceed to construct the Landfarm. Construction is planned to begin early in 2010, once Newmont Mining Corporation has received notification from the Nunavut Water Board that the attached plans are acceptable.

Please find enclosed with this letter the as for construction design drawings prepared for HBML by SRK. A larger set signed by the engineer of record is available should you so request. These drawing replace the Landfarm design previously submitted with the water licence application by Miramar in a package referred to as: "Engineering Drawings for Tailings Containment Area and Surface Infrastructure Components" DWG S-13 and S-14 dated Mar 2007, SRK Job Number ICM014.008.

The revised design is necessary as HBML proposes moving the facility from inside Quarry 2 to a location on the immediate south side of the Quarry 2 access road on the west side of the road from the Doris Camp to Roberts Bay. This is necessary as the excavation of Quarry 2 is not complete.

Following construction, Newmont Mining Corporation will provide the Nunavut Water Board with a set of as built drawings prepared by the engineer of record.

Under Part G 14, a Landfarm management plan must be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board prior to operation. An updated plan, to replace the plan previously submitted by Miramar in the revised Water Licence Application Supporting Document S10h entitled “Landfarm Management Plan”, will be provided to the Nunavut Water Board in the New Year in compliance with Part G – 14 of the water licence.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com

Sincerely yours;

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