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**Subject: Hope Bay Mining Ltd., Doris North Project, Water Licence No.2AM-DOH0713;
Notification of Proposed Modification – Fuel Storage and Containment Facility**

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) would like to acknowledge receipt of the above-cited request for modification on March 9, 2010, from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) and supporting letter on March 15, 2010 from Lawson Lundell LLP, submitted in accordance with Part H, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-DOH0713.

The NWB has, in its review, determined that the proposed change in location of the Fuel Storage and Containment Facility is not consistent with Part H, Item 1 of the Licence and contrary to the definition provided under Licence 2AM-DOH0713 Schedule A – Definitions, which states:

“Fuel Storage and Containment Facility” means the facilities designed for the bulk storage of fuel at the Doris North Plant site and Roberts Bay as illustrated in the Revised Water Licence Application Supporting Document S4 entitled “Engineering Drawings for Tailings Containment Area and Surface Infrastructure Components”, DWGS S-05 and S-06 dated Mar 2007, SRK Job Number ICM014.008; and the Water Licence Pre-Hearing Technical Meeting Information Supplement Figure 1, Project Number 334499;

As the modification is inconsistent with the Licence, the NWB has determined that HBML is required to submit an amendment application detailing the request. Also, as part of an amendment application, the NWB is requesting that additional information be provided by HBML, to include the following:

1. Requirement for blasting and amount of material to be removed for the preparation of the fuel storage pad;
2. Results of any Acid Rock Drainage studies that have taken place and the results of any acid rock drainage potential testwork completed, along with metal leaching capability of the material removed and remaining exposed rock;
3. Proposed disposal of excavated materials in preparation of the fuel storage pad;

4. Information with respect to design specifications, mitigation measures and monitoring requirements for the facility;
5. Proposed methods of impounded water collection, treatment and disposal and any proposed new monitoring stations required as a result of the new facility and location;
6. Changes to, or proposed changes and commitments with respect to environmental response plan and Spill Contingency Plan (received April 9, 2010).

Based on the information provided to date and that expected to be submitted with the amendment application, the NWB will be requesting at the time of technical review, comment on the form of a hearing, if one is required to be held.

The NWB looks forward to receiving your submission. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by phone at (780) 443-4406 or at dts@nunavutwaterboard.org ; or Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org .

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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