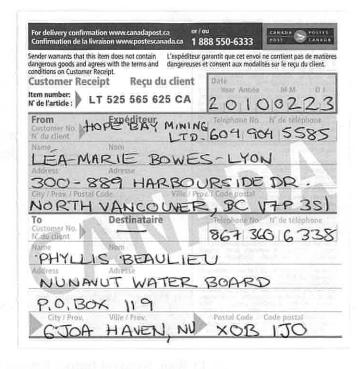


February 24, 2010

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Re: 2AM-DOH0713 - Part K, Items 7-8 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please find included with this letter Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) submission of a final Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) being submitted to the Nunavut Water Board as fulfillment of the requirements listed in Part K Items 7 and 8 of water license 2AM-DOH0713. Included in the package are a hard copy and electronic copy of the plan.

As part of the preparation of this plan, HBML worked closely with Environment Canada (EC) to ensure that all aspects of this plan met the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluents Regulations (MMER). The following steps were taken in the preparation of the plan:

- Draft of the AEMP sent to Anne Wilson of EC on December 3, 2009.
- Teleconference meeting held on December 17, 2009 to discuss the draft and to receive any comments/input from EC. In attendance were EC, HBML, and Rescan.
- Written comments received via e-mail from EC on January 11, 2010.
- Rescan had numerous conversations with EC in January 2010.
- · Revised draft of AEMP sent to Anne Wilson on February 1, 2010.
- Teleconference meeting held on February 17, 2019 to discuss latest version of plan. EC had no further suggestions and Anne Wilson felt the version discussed complied with 2AM-DOH0713 by synchronizing the future MMER requirements for the project with the AEMP. This was assumed to be a verbal approval of the plan and Anne Wilson gave her okay for HBML to proceed with submitting to the NWB. In attendance were EC, HBML, and Rescan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,

Christopher C. Hanks

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