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Chris Hanks
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Subject: Proposal for the Development of an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan in accordance with Part K, Item 7 of Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713

Dear Mr. Hanks,

On February 24, 2010, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML or Licensee) final Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) including a covering letter to fulfill the requirements of Part K, Items 7 and 8 of water licence 2AM-DOH0713 (Licence) which states the following:

Part K, Item 7

The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval by March 31, 2008, a proposal for the development of an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) in consultation with Environment Canada. The proposal for an AEMP shall consider modifications and advances in schedule which are consistent with the objectives and requirements of the MMER.

Part K, Item 8

The Licensee and Environment Canada shall coordinate with the NWB to ensure that the advanced submission of the AEMP meets the requirements of MMER.

Previously, on March 31, 2008, the NWB received a submission from HBML entitled Proposal for the Development of an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (Proposal for AEMP), for Board approval, as a requirement of Part K, Item 7 of the Licence. HBML's Proposal for AEMP was distributed by the NWB on May 13, 2008 to interested persons with a request for comments by June 13, 2008; however, no comments were received. Furthermore, in its review of the Licensee's 2008 Annual Report dated May 29, 2009, the NWB noted the following statement regarding the AEMP:

In 2008, HBML prepared a plan for an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) and submitted it to the NWB and Environment Canada. The AEMP was not implemented because the Doris North Project was deferred.

As such, the Board did not proceed with the approval of the Proposal for AEMP. At this time, given receipt of HBML's final AEMP, the NWB is requesting confirmation from Environment Canada (EC), by way of copy of this letter, that it has been consulted in the development of the Proposal for AEMP as well as the final AEMP in accordance with the aforementioned Licence conditions. The NWB is also requesting comments from EC regarding whether the AEMP meets the objectives and requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER). Confirmation and any comments are respectfully requested no later than March 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience at (780) 443-4406, or dts@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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