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Re: November 2015 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water Licence <u>2AM-DOH1323</u>

This report is comprised of monitoring requirements as set out in Part J and Schedule J of water licence 2AM-DOH1323, and additional requirements from AANDC. Licence items include:

- Part E (Conditions applying to Water Use) Item 1;
- Part G (Conditions Applying to Waste Management and Waste Management Plans) Items 1, 3(b) and 23 (a), 24 (c, e), 28, 29, 30, 32;
- Part J (Conditions Applying to General and Aquatic Effects Monitoring) Items 4(a), 8, 12 (a, d, g), 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21(e, f).

Other monitoring requirements stipulated in the licence refer to facilities that have not been constructed. During the subject period of this report the focus of activities at Doris North was surface exploration drilling, underground test work, water management and environmental compliance. Sampling locations monitored under this licence (seasonally or when facilities are operational) are provided in Figure 1.

Part E: Conditions Applying to Water Use

Item 1: Water Usage and Part J, Item 12(a) Water Volume

A total of 476m³ of water was extracted from Windy Lake for domestic use this month as permitted by water licences 2BE-HOP1222 and 2AM-DOH1323. No Surface Drilling was conducted this month under the 2AM DOH1323 licence. 98 m³ of water was used for underground drilling and other industrial purposes in support of the Doris North mine development. No water was used for dust suppression on site roads this month. Water usage is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Water usage, in cubic meters, October 2015

Water Usage	Domestic Water Use from Windy Lake ST-7a (m³)	All Other Water Use* (m³)	Total (m³)
Monthly Total	476	98	574
Annual Cumulative	3902	2410	6311

^{*}Includes industrial uses such as surface and underground drilling, dust suppression, concrete batching, etc.

Schedule J: Water Quality Monitoring at Water Intake

Monthly water quality samples were taken from monitoring stations ST-7 (Doris Lake raw water) and ST-7a (Windy Lake raw water) in accordance with the Schedule J requirements of the licence. Water quality results are presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Monthly Compliance Sample Results for ST-7 and ST-7a, November 2015

		ST7-24NOV15	ST7A-03NOV15		
		ALS ID	L1706385-1	L1697748-1	
	Date Sampled			11/3/2015 10:15:00 AM	
Parameter	Units	Detection Limit	Water	Water	
Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	0.5	50.4	75.8	
рН	рН	0.1	7.89	7.97	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	3	8	<3.0	
Ammonia, Total (as N)	mg/L	0.005	0.0084	< 0.0050	
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	0.005	0.115	87.5	
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	2.84	
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	
Phosphorus (P)-Total	mg/L	0.002	0.0149	0.0025	
Cyanide, Total	mg/L	0.005	< 0.0050	< 0.0050	
Cyanide, Free	mg/L	0.005	< 0.0050	< 0.0050	
Fecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	1	<1	<1*	
Total cyanobacterial cell count	cells/mL	1	66100	60*	
Aluminum (Al)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0185	0.0646	
Antimony (Sb)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	
Arsenic (As)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	0.00447	
Barium (Ba)-Total	mg/L	0.02	< 0.020	< 0.020	
Beryllium (Be)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	
Boron (B)-Total	mg/L	0.1	< 0.10	< 0.10	
Cadmium (Cd)-Total	mg/L	0.00001	0.0000084	< 0.0000050	
Calcium (Ca)-Total	mg/L	0.1	8.95	13.2	
Chromium (Cr)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	
Cobalt (Co)-Total	mg/L	0.0003	< 0.00030	< 0.00030	
Copper (Cu)-Total	mg/L	0.001	0.0361	0.0011	
Iron (Fe)-Total	mg/L	0.03	4.4	0.037	
Lead (Pb)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	0.0122	< 0.00050	
Lithium (Li)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0033	0.0038	
Magnesium (Mg)-Total	mg/L	0.1	6.82	10.4	
Manganese (Mn)-Total	mg/L	0.0003	0.0397	0.00154	
Mercury (Hg)-Total	mg/L	0.00001	< 0.0000050	< 0.0000050	
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	
Nickel (Ni)-Total	mg/L	0.001	0.0011	< 0.0010	
Potassium (K)-Total	mg/L	2	2.6	4.1	
Selenium (Se)-Total	mg/L	0.0001	< 0.000050	< 0.000050	
Silver (Ag)-Total	mg/L	0.00002	< 0.000020	< 0.000020	
Sodium (Na)-Total	mg/L	2	34.5	57.6	
Thallium (Tl)-Total	mg/L	0.0002	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	
Tin (Sn)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	0.00107	< 0.00050	
Titanium (Ti)-Total	mg/L	0.01	< 0.010	< 0.010	
Uranium (U)-Total	mg/L	0.0002	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	
Vanadium (V)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	
Zinc (Zn)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0246	< 0.0050	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	2	3	<2.0	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	5	<5.0	<5.0	
Oil And Grease (Visible Sheen)	Ü	n/a	No	NO	
Microcystin	ug/L	0.2	-	<0.20*	

^{*} results on Lab Work Order L1697723-1 for Potable Water Station PDC10 (same location as ST-7a)

Part G: Conditions Applying to Waste Management and Waste Management Plans.

Item 1: Condition to Provide Notice of a Planned Discharge

Notification of planned discharges from facilities under this licence was provided to the Inspector on May 13, 2015.

Item 3(b): Conditions Applying to Sewage Effluent Quality and Schedule J, Table 2 Monitoring Requirements: Discharge from Wastewater Treatment Plant in cubic metres.

Monthly compliance samples were taken from monitoring station ST-8 (Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent) in accordance with the Schedule J requirements of the licence (Table 3). All parameters were in compliance with discharge criteria.

Table 3: Monthly Compliance Sample Results for ST-8B, November 2015

Sample ID		ST8B- 03NOV15	Part G Item 3(b)		
ALS ID			L1697742-1		
Date Sampled		11/3/2015 10:40:00 AM	Maximum Average Concentration	Maximum Concentration in any	
Parameter	Units	Detection Limit	Water	(mg/L)	Grab Sample (mg/L)
рН	рН	0.1	7.73	6.0 - 9.0	9.0
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	3	<3.0	100	100
Fecal Coliforms	CFU/ 100mL	1	<1	10,000	10,000
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	mg/L	1	<2.0	80	80
Oil and Grease	mg/L	5	< 5.0	5	10
Oil And Grease (Visible Sheen)		n/a	No	No Visible Sheen	No Visible Sheen

Bold/shading indicates exceedance of Part G Item 3(b) Maximum Concentration in a Grab Sample.

This month, 415 m³ of treated effluent was discharged from the sewage treatment plant.

Schedule J, Table 2 Monitoring Requirements: Runoff from Waste Water Treatment Plant Discharge (ST-9)

No water was available for sampling at location ST-9 (prior to entry into Glenn Lake) due to freezing conditions.

Item 23(a): Water Discharged from the Sedimentation Pond (ST-1) and Reagent and Cyanide Storage Facility Sumps (ST-11) and Schedule J, Table 2 Monitoring Requirements

No water was discharged ST-1 this month. The Reagent and Cyanide Storage Facility Sumps (ST-11) are not constructed.

Items 24(c): Landfarm Sump (ST-4) and Schedule J, Table 2 Monitoring Requirements

No water was discharged from this facility during the month.

Items 24(e): Fuel Storage and Containment Facility Sumps (ST-5, ST-6a and ST-6b) and Schedule J, Table 2 Monitoring Requirements

No water was discharged from this facility during the month.

Item 28, 29, 30 and Part J Item 8: Water Quality Discharged from Tailings Impoundment Area (TL-1, TL-2, TL-3 or TL-4.)

Due to freezing conditions all discharge from the TIA to Doris Creek was concluded on September 23, 2015. Compliance water sampling was not conducted this month at the four stations associated with the TIA discharge (TL-1 through TL-4) as no water was discharged from this facility.

Item 32: Tailings Impoundment Area Discharge Volume - Comparison of Flows at TL-4 and TL-2

Water was discharged from the TIA starting June 30, 2015 and continued to September 23, 2015 at which time freezing conditions prevented ongoing pumping. No water was discharged from the TIA to Doris Creek this month; a comparison of flows was not conducted.

Schedule J: Tailings Impoundment Area Water Quality (TL-10)

Monitoring at TL-10 is conducted annually prior to the deposition of tailings into the Tailings Impoundment Area. This monitoring was conducted on August 7, 2015 and results were presented in the August monthly SNP report.

Part J: Conditions Applying to General and Aquatics Effects Monitoring

Item 4(a): TIA Discharge Quality – Water Quality Comparison/Deviations

No water was discharged from the TIA this month and no water quality comparisons were made.

Item 8 and Schedule J, Monitoring Requirements: Acute Lethality Testing (TL-1 and TL-4)

No acute lethality testing was conducted during the month. Acute lethality testing was conducted prior to the start of TIA dewatering and once during the discharge period earlier in the season.

Item 12d: Tonnages of Waste Rock Stored on the Temporary Waste Rock Pad

Underground test mining restarted in April 2015 and modifications to the existing vent raise were also started. The waste rock produced from the test mining program was stored underground until October 2015 when waste rock began to be hauled to surface and stored on the temporary waste rock pad. The volume of waste rock brought to surface in November was 12,089 tonnes. The current total volume of waste rock on the temporary waste rock pad is 208,086 tonnes.

Item 12g: Tail Lake Ice Thickness

Ice thickness measurement on the TIA is only required following deposition of tailings.

Item 14, 15, 16 and Schedule J, Monitoring Requirements: Thermal Monitoring

Thermal monitoring undertaken under this part is reported in the annual Geotechnical Inspection Report.

Item 20: Daily Visual Monitoring of Discharges to Tundra

No discharges to tundra occurred during this period. During periods of discharge monitoring observations are documented.

Item 21 (e) Daily Visual Assessment of Suspended Sediment at TIA

The TIA was frozen during this month. No visual assessments were conducted.

Item 21 (f) Doris North Camp Diversion Berm Effectiveness

An assessment of effectiveness was not conducted on the Diversion Berm this month due to freezing conditions.

Incident Reporting

No incidents pertaining to this licence occurred during this month.

Should there be any questions regarding this monthly report, please contact. John Roberts at John.Roberts@tmacresources.com.

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Figure 1. 2AM-DOH-1323 SNP Monitoring Locations

