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Re: February 2016 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water Licence 2AM-DOH1323

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 INAC. 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, construction, 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 605 m³ of water was extracted from Windy Lake for domestic use this month as permitted by water licences 2BE-HOP1222 and 2AM-DOH1323. 145 m³ of water from Doris Lake was used in the 2AM-DOH1323 licence area for surface exploration drilling. A total of 360 m³ of water was used from Doris and Windy Lakes (359 m³ and 1 m³, respectively) 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, February 201	0
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Water Usage	Domestic Water Use from Windy Lake ST-7a (m³)	Domestic Water Use from Doris Lake ST-7 (m³)		All Other Industrial Water Use** (m³)	Total (m³)
Monthly Total	605	0	145	360	1,110
Annual Cumulative	1,145	0	145	456	1,746

^{*}All water withdrawn from Doris Lake

A total of 777 m³ of water was applied from Doris Lake for ice road development during the month. In total, 1,028 m³ of water has been applied in 2016 for ice road development. These quantities are not included in the usage indicated in Table 1.

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

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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, February 2016

		Sample ID	ST7-16FEB16A	ST7-16FEB16B^	ST7A-02FEB16
		ALS ID	L1734857-1	L1734857-2	L1729908-1
		Date Sampled	2/16/2016	2/16/2016 8:40:00	2/2/2016
D	TT*.		8:40:00 AM	AM	8:48:00 AM
Parameter	Units	Detection Limit	Water	Water	Water
Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	0.5	56.5	56.8	91.7
pH	pH	0.1	7.54	7.54	7.92
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	3	3.8	3.7	<3.0
Ammonia, Total (as N)	mg/L	0.005	0.0245	0.0236	0.0116
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	0.005	0.0066	0.0065	< 0.0050
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0013
Phosphorus (P)-Total	mg/L	0.002	0.0254	0.0247	0.0032
Cyanide, Total	mg/L	0.005	< 0.0050	< 0.0050	< 0.0050
Cyanide, Free	mg/L	0.005	< 0.0050	< 0.0050	< 0.0050
Fecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	1	<1	<1	<1*
Total cyanobacterial cell count	cells/mL	1	111000	109000	<1*
Aluminum (Al)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0985	0.0269	0.0144
Antimony (Sb)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	< 0.00050
Arsenic (As)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	0.0009
Barium (Ba)-Total	mg/L	0.02	< 0.020	< 0.020	< 0.020
Beryllium (Be)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Boron (B)-Total	mg/L	0.1	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10
Cadmium (Cd)-Total	mg/L	0.00001	< 0.0000050	< 0.0000050	< 0.0000050
Calcium (Ca)-Total	mg/L	0.1	9.86	9.9	15.5
Chromium (Cr)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Cobalt (Co)-Total	mg/L	0.0003	< 0.00030	< 0.00030	< 0.00030
Copper (Cu)-Total	mg/L	0.001	0.0077	0.0023	0.0014
Iron (Fe)-Total	mg/L	0.03	0.17	0.122	< 0.030
Lead (Pb)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	< 0.00050
Lithium (Li)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0042	0.0044	0.0032
Magnesium (Mg)-Total	mg/L	0.1	7.73	7.78	12.8
Manganese (Mn)-Total	mg/L	0.0003	0.00407	0.00498	0.0009
Mercury (Hg)-Total	mg/L	0.00001	< 0.0000050	< 0.0000050	< 0.0000050
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Nickel (Ni)-Total	mg/L	0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Potassium (K)-Total	mg/L	2	2.8	2.8	5.5
Selenium (Se)-Total	mg/L	0.0001	< 0.000050	< 0.000050	0.000059
Silver (Ag)-Total	mg/L	0.00002	<0.000020	<0.00020	<0.000020
Sodium (Na)-Total	mg/L	2	38.1	39.1	67.6
Thallium (Tl)-Total	mg/L	0.0002	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Tin (Sn)-Total	mg/L	0.0005	< 0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Titanium (Ti)-Total	mg/L	0.01	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Uranium (U)-Total	mg/L	0.0002	<0.00020	<0.00020	0.00023
Vanadium (V)-Total	mg/L	0.001	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Zinc (Zn)-Total	mg/L	0.005	0.0093	<0.0050	< 0.0050
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	2	<2.0	<2.0	3
Oil and Grease	mg/L	5	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0
Oil And Grease (Visible Sheen)	1118/11	n/a	No	No No	No
Microcystin	ug/L	0.2	-	-	<0.20*
1411C1OCy5uii	ug/L	U.Z		-	~U.ZU

^{*} results on Lab Work Order L1730121-1 for Potable Water Station PDC10 (same location as ST-7a)

[^] Duplicate sample

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

Item 1: Condition to Provide Notice of a Planned Discharge

No planned discharges requiring notification occurred this month.

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.

	Sample ID	ST8B-09FEB16	Part G Item 3(b)		
	ALS ID	L1732613-1		Maximum Concentration in	
	ate Sampled	2/9/2016 8:07:00 AM	Maximum Average Concentration		
Parameter	Units	Detection Limit	Water	(mg/L)	any Grab Sample (mg/L)
рН	рН	0.1	7.86	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	2	2	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

Table 3: Monthly Compliance Sample Results for ST-8B, February 2016

This month, 543 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 from ST-1 this month, and no water was pumped from the Pollution Control Pond (ST-2) to ST-1. No water quality sampling was undertaken at ST-1 or ST-2 due to freezing conditions.

The Reagent and Cyanide Storage Facility Sumps (ST-11) is not constructed.

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

No water was discharged from the Landfarm (ST-4) this month and no sampling was conducted.

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

Compliance monitoring samples were not collected at the Doris Tank Farm (ST-5) and Roberts Bay tank farms (ST-6a and ST-6b) this month. These facilities are frozen and no discharge occurred.

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.)

Dewatering of the Tailings Impoundment Area ended September 23, 2015 and has not yet re-commenced for 2016. No monitoring was conducted.

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

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 will be conducted during the open water season in 2016.

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 water was discharged from the TIA this month and no water was sampled.

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

Underground test mining restarted in April 2015. 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. In January the construction of Pad T was completed and waste rock is now being stored in this location. The volume of waste rock brought to surface in February was 12,469 tonnes. The current total volume of waste rock on Pad T and the temporary waste rock pad is 249,406 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 will be 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

