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# Re: February 2018 – 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 Amendment 1, and additional requirements from INAC.

During the subject period of this report the focus of activities at Doris North was underground mining, construction, ore processing, water management and environmental compliance. Sampling locations monitored under this licence (seasonally or when facilities are operational) are provided in Figure 3 at the end of this report.

### Site Wide Water Quality Monitoring Program (Part J Items 3, 8, and Schedule J)

Water quality sampling was conducted in February at monitoring stations identified in Schedule J of the licence (ST-1 through ST-13, TL-1 through TL-12). Water quality samples were not collected for monitoring stations that were inactive during the month being reported (e.g., facilities that had not yet been constructed, were frozen during the month, or were not operationally active). All parameters were compared to the applicable effluent quality limits outlined in Part G of the licence and no exceedances were observed. Results of this monitoring are attached to the report in Appendix A.

In February, groundwater inflow accumulating underground from mine development occurring in the Doris Connector zone was discharged to the Tailings Impoundment Area. Water quality samples of this effluent (TL-12) were collected from the discharge line and submitted for analysis. Results of this monitoring are provided in Appendix A of this report.

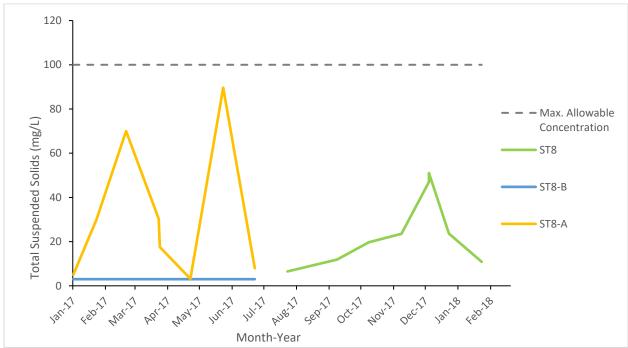
Figure 1 and 2 illustrates effluent quality characteristics for parameters of interest at select monitoring stations.

90 80 70 Max. Allowable Biological Oxygen Demand (mg/L) 60 Concentration ST-8 50 ST8-B 40 ST8-A 30 20 10 0 Month-Year

Figure 1. Biological Oxygen Demand Results Consistently Below Discharge Criteria for Wastewater Treatment Plant (ST8, ST8A, ST8B)

Note: Maximum Average Concentration as per Part G Item 4(b).

Figure 2. Total Suspended Solids Results Consistently Below Discharge Criteria for Wastewater Treatment Plant (ST8, ST8A, ST8B)



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## Flow and Volume Measurements (Part J Items 11, 12, and Schedule J)

Table 1. Effluent discharge, February 2018

Facility	Station Code	Discharge Volume (m³)	Exceedances of Discharge Criteria	Discharge Location	Licence Reference	
Sedimentation Pond	ST-1	0	0	Tailings Impoundment Area	Part G Item 22	
Pollution Control Pond #1	ST-2	0	N/A	Tailings Impoundment Area	Part G Item 22	
Landfill Sump	ST-3	0	0	Facility not constructed	Part G Item 24 (a, b, g)	
Landfarm Sump	ST-4	0	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432450 7559600	Part G Item 24 (c, d, g)	
Doris Tank Farm	ST-5	0	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432960 7559270	Part G Item 24 (e, f, g)	
Rob Bay 5ML Tank Farm	ST-6a	0	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432973 7563440	Part G Item 24 (e, f, g)	
Rob Bay Three 5ML Tank Farm	ST-6b	0	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432730 7563200	Part G Item 24 (e, f, g)	
Wastewater Treatment Plant, Effluent	ST-8	1,017	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432933 7559057	Part G Item 23(b-d)	
Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewage Sludge	N/A	17.6	N/A	Tailings Impoundment Area	Part J Item 12 (g)	
Reagent and Cyanide Storage Facility Sump	ST-11	0	0	Tailings Impoundment Area	Part G Item 23 (a)	
Pollution Control Pond #2	ST-13	0	0	Facility not constructed	Part G Item 22	
Mine Water Discharge	TL-12	2,746	N/A	Tailings Impoundment Area	Schedule J Table 2	

Records of visual monitoring of discharge to tundra are maintained on file as per Part J Item 18.

Table 2. Discharge from TIA to Doris Creek, February 2018

Month	Number of days of discharge	Discharge Volume (m³)	Exceedances of Discharge Criteria*	
January	0	0	0	
February	0	0	0	
Annual Cumulative	0	0	0	

<sup>\*</sup> Discharge criteria outlined in Part G Items 29, 30, 31 and Part J Item 8.

A comparison of flows between TL-4 and TL-2 as per Part G Item 32 of the licence was not conducted as no water was discharged for the Tailings Impoundment Area to Doris Creek this month.

Table 3. Water usage, February 2018

	Windy Lake (ST-7A)	Mine Inflow						
Month	Domestic Water* (m³)	Domestic Water* (m³)	Surface Exploration (m³)	Industrial Usage** (m³)	Dust Suppression (m³)	Winter Track (m³)	Industrial Usage ^ (m³)	Total Usage
January	1,051	0	0	0	0	119	433	1,603
February	1,277	0	0	34	0	136	0	1,447
Annual Total	2,328	0	0	34	0	255	433	3,050
Annual Allowance	22,995							480,000

<sup>\*</sup> As permitted by water licences 2BE-HOP1222 and 2AM-DOH1323

Table 4. Volume of Reclaim Water from the TIA, February 2018

Month	Reclaim Water (m³) *
January	82,577 ^
February	69,744
Annual Cumulative	152,321

<sup>\*</sup> As per Part J Item 11(d)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes industrial uses such as underground drilling, core processing, concrete batching, etc.

<sup>^</sup> Discharge of groundwater inflow from mine development in the Doris Connector zone to the Tailings Impoundment Area began in February. Mine water inflow is no longer being recycled into underground sumps for use in mining activities. The volume of inflow discharged to the TIA is presented in Table 1 above.

<sup>^</sup> Number rounded to the nearest cubic meter.

Table 5. Waste Rock and Process Volumes, February 2018

	Waste Rock Management				Underground Void Space			Ore Processing and Tailings Management			
Month	Produced from Mining Activity (tonnes)*	Backfilled Directly to Underground Stopes (tonnes)*	Returned Underground from Temporary Waste Rock Pile* (tonnes)	Moved to Temporary Waste Rock Pile (tonnes)*	Cumulative on Temporary Waste Rock Pile (tonnes)	Volume Created from Mining Activities (tonnes)	Cumulative Volume Available for Backfill (tonnes)	Cumulative Volume Available for Backfill (m³)	Quantity of Ore Processed** (tonnes)	Total Dry Tailings Placed in TIA** (tonnes)	Total Dry Cyanide Leach Tailings Placed Underground** (tonnes)
December Balance	-	-	-	-	542,884	-	774,674	277,762	-	-	-
January	22,951	25,584	0	0	542,884	10,632	785,306	281,559	25,219	23,916	1,304
February	21,415	20,308	0	1,107	543,991	8,058	793,364	284,437	27,036	25,615	1,434
Cumulative Total	44,366	45,892	0	1,107	543,991	18,690	793,364	284,437	52,255	49,531	2,738

<sup>\*</sup> As per Part J Item 11(e, f)

Note: Void space created from mining activities is determined as the sum of the initial void space as calculated in March 2017 and void space created each month from mining activities. A negative volume of void space created in a month indicates that a higher volume of waste rock and dry cyanide leach tailings was returned underground compared to the volume of void space created from new mining activities.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As per Part J Item 12.

Table 7. Doris Lake Water Level (ST-12), February 2018

Month	Minimum Water Level (masl)	Maximum Water Level (masl)	Mean Water Level (masl)	Monthly Water Level Variation (masl)**	Comparison of Mean Water Level from Month to Month (masl)^	Low Action Level Trigger (masl)*
January	21.672	21.689	21.679	0.017	0.003	21.346
February	21.674	21.689	21.681	0.015	0.002	21.346

<sup>\*</sup> Low action level trigger is relative to the average water level value (September 10-30, 2017) measured in Doris Lake. Low action level trigger (-0.42 m) outlined in Section 5.4 of the Doris Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan, September 2016.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Monthly Water Level Variation is calculated as the difference between the Maximum Water Level and the Minimum Water Level measured during the month.

<sup>^</sup> Comparison of the change in water level from month to month. This value is calculated by subtracting the Mean Water Level of the previous month (e.g. February Mean Water level - January Mean Water level). A positive value from this calculation indicates a rise in water level since the previous month; a negative value from this calculation indicates a drop in water level since the previous month.

### Summary of Assessments of Water Balance and Water Quality Model (Part G Item 34)

Average monthly water quality, hydrologic, and climatic monitoring data were collected while in operations during February. Data will contribute to the assessment of the water and load balance model, and will be compared to the predicted water quality and elevation within the TIA and will be reported in the annual report for 2018.

### Thermal Monitoring (Part J Items 13 and 14)

Thermal monitoring undertaken as per Part J Items 13, 14 and Schedule J is reported in the annual Geotechnical Report.

#### Doris North Camp Diversion Berm Effectiveness (Part J Item 19(d))

Visual monitoring was conducted during February to evaluate the diversion berm's efficacy of diverting runoff away from the camp pad. The diversion berm was observed to be functioning as per its design purpose.

#### **Incident Reporting**

**Spill #18-031 -** On February 3, 2018, a spill of 25L of ethylene glycol coolant occurred due to a damaged radiator on the potable water truck. Water used to support the Doris Camp is sourced from Windy Lake and transported by truck to the camp. Whiteout conditions had occurred throughout the site during that day and water restrictions had been put in place. To replenish the camp water supply, a loader was sent out ahead of the water truck to clear the 8-kilometer road in order for the water truck to access the pump house. Weather conditions deteriorated during the return trip and while approaching the camp pad the water truck struck the back of the loader causing a puncture in the radiator.

TMAC internally reviewed the incident and identified the following corrective actions:

- Vehicles will no longer be sent for water in poor weather conditions; and
- Crews have been reminded to leave adequate stopping distance and if weather conditions are not acceptable, to stop and wait for weather condition to improve before resuming travel.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 3. 2AM-DOH-1323 SNP Monitoring Locations

