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## Re: April 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 April 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 April, groundwater inflow accumulating underground from mine development occurring in the Doris Connector zone continued to be 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.

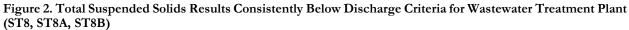
AEMP monitoring activities were conducted at Doris Lake and Reference Lake B. Ice thickness measurements were collected at monitoring station ST-12 as per Schedule J, Table 2. Ice thickness on Doris Lake was 180cm.

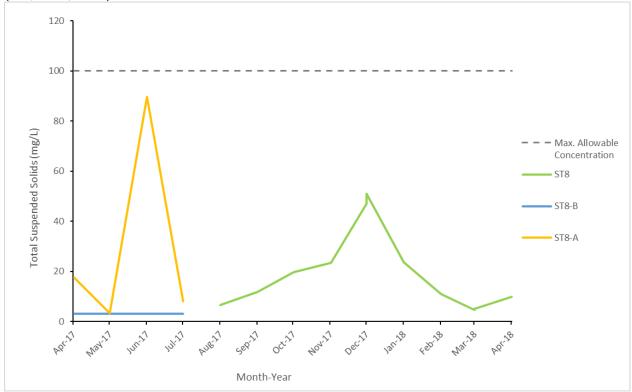
Figure 1 and 2 illustrates effluent quality characteristics for parameters of interest at select monitoring stations.

80 70 Biological Oxygen Demand (mg/L) Max. Allowable 60 Concentration ST-8 50 ST8-A 40 ■ ST8-B 30 20 10 0 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17 Nov-17 Dec-17 Jan-18 Feb-18 Mar-18 Apr-18 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 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).





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

Table 1. Effluent discharge, April 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	1,106	0	Tundra Discharge 13W 432933 7559057	Part G Item 23(b-d)	
Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewage Sludge	N/A	23.5	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	7,519	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, April 2018

Month	Number of days of discharge	Discharge Volume (m³)	Exceedances of Discharge Criteria*	
January	0	0	0	
February	0	0	0	
March	0	0	0	
April	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, April 2018

	Windy Lake (ST-7A)		1	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
March	1,231	0	0	29	0	0	0	1,260
April	1,208	0	0	74	0	0	0	1,282
Annual Total	4,767	0	0	137	0	255	433	5,592
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, April 2018

Month	Reclaim Water (m³) *
January	82,577
February	69,744
March	78,864
April	74,638
Annual Cumulative	305,823

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

Numbers rounded to the nearest cubic meter.

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

^ 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.

Table 5. Waste Rock and Process Volumes, April 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	790,728	283,496	25,219	23,916	1,304
February	21,415	20,308	0	1,107	543,991	8,058	813,166	291,510	27,036	25,615	1,434
March	27,092	20,360	0	6,732	550,723	13,547	826,713	296,348	31,375	30,366	1,008
April	25,608	17,536	0	7,532	558,255	22,069	848,783	304,230	33,619	32,209	1,403
Cumulative Total	97,066	83,788	0	15,371	558,255	54,306	848,783	304,230	117,249	112,106	5,149

<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.

In April, a reconciliation of all materials mined from the underground was performed. It was discovered that the ore tonnages/volumes were being under reported and were thereby reconciled. This reconciliation resulted in an increase in volume available for backfill, as illustrated in the adjusted Table 5.

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

Table 7. Doris Lake Water Level (ST-12), April 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
March	21.681	21.694	21.686	0.013	0.005	21.346
April	21.680	21.692	21.687	0.012	0.001	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 current month from 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 April. 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 April 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**

No incidents pertaining to this license occurred in April.

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

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

