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**Re: 2AM-DOH0713 HBML Response to the Closure Plan Comments**

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Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

On August 23, 2012, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. submitted an updated Closure Plan for licence 2AM-DOH0713. The NWB sent out a request for comments for this Closure Plan on Sept. 14, 2012. Comments were received by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and Environment Canada in mid-October 2012.

We have responded to the comments received and provide these responses as an attachment to this cover letter. If you have any questions or comments with respect to the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chris.hanks@newmont.com](mailto:chris.hanks@newmont.com) or Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon at [lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com](mailto:lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com).

Sincerely,

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