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Nunavut Water Board
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Attention: Ms. Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Current Application of Doris North Type A Licence 2AM-DOH0713 (the "Water Licence")

Thank you for meeting with us in Ottawa on Friday, April 3, 2009, along with Stephanie Autut and Bill Tilleman, to discuss issues relating to the current application of the NIRB Project Certificate and the Water Licence in the context of the current facilities and activities at Hope Bay.

Following on your request, we are enclosing three documents for your consideration:

- a status report on facilities and activities permitted under the Water Licence;
- a summary of certain provisions of the Water License that are not applicable to HBML's current operations under the Type A Water License (given the deferral of the Doris North mine) and a marked copy of the Water License further delineating these requirements; and
- a summary of the status of commitments under the NIRB Project Certificate relating to issues of water use, water quality and waste control.

These summaries provide the Board with the status of the current facilities and activities related to the Doris North Project, and a summary of those provisions of the Project Certificate and the Water Licence that are applicable or non-applicable in the context of the deferral of the Doris North Project pending further advanced exploration with the intention of developing a belt-wide project.

It is important for us to be in compliance with those provisions of the Water Licence that are applicable to our current facilities and activities, and it is equally important for us to have a clear understanding with the NWB with respect to those provisions that are not currently applicable to our current circumstances. The purpose of this letter, the attached status report and summaries is to provide NWB with information regarding our current circumstances and more importantly, to ensure that we have a clear understanding of current licence requirements.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you disagree with our attached summaries, particularly with respect our conclusions as to those provisions of the Water Licence that are not currently applicable.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hanks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB
Stephanie Autut, NIRB
Bill Tilleman