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Subject: RE: 2AM-DOH0713 Intervener comments notice of care and maintenance

July 28, 2009

Richard,

Thank you for sending these comments to me on July 27, 2009. While I had seen the INAC submission this is my first opportunity to view the Environment Canada and KIA ones. I was also not previously aware of when the NWB was planning to meet. The world of e-mail has obviously failed us again.

The reason HBML has suggested using the care and maintenance approach rather than starting over with a Type B license specifically focused on the current domestic activities that support advanced exploration activities in the belt, which are covered under two existing Type B licenses, is because of the probability that the existing 2AM-DOH0713 license maybe amended in some staged belt development scenarios that start with small underground mines in the north end of the belt. These would not exactly follow the Doris North scenario but would be close enough that the current license will probably still be relevant. The options of going to a Type B license for Doris versus the care and maintenance approach ultimately taken, was reviewed with NWB legal counsel and Executive staff before a final decision on the approach was made and submission currently under discussion was sent to the NWB.

HBML is now anticipating filing a new Project Description with NIRB in late 2010 or early 2011. Once again this process has taken more time than initially expected as HBML has had to review all of the information on the Hope Bay Belt, increase the drilling effort to up grade reserves (drilling is under the Hope Bay and Boston Type B licenses) and develop a new business plan that will drive the new Project Description. In all likelihood this Project Description will describe an incremental approach to mining development in the Hope Bay Greenstone Belt but it is still too early to predict exactly what will be in that proposal.

The revisions of the plans related to waste management and closure requested by INAC and Environment Canada are largely nearing completion. In particular, the Incinerator Plan is in final revisions and will be submitted shortly. The Emergency Response Plan which incorporates the Spill Plan for Doris is in advanced development. The more general Materials Management Plan that includes hazardous materials, is coming together but is behind the other two. It has taken time to revise these documents because HBML needed to stabilize the scope of actual operations related to the Doris area of Hope Bay and then do the appropriate revisions. I anticipate that the majority of the plans will be to the NWB by the end of September 2009. HBML is currently updating the Closure Plans for Windy and Patch once those are completed the next Closure Plan revision is for Doris. We anticipate the updated Interim Closure Plan for Doris to be to the NWB by the end of the year.

More substantial responses are being prepared for INAC and Environment Canada comments, but I wanted to make sure the NWB had a response before their meeting on July 28th.

Thank you, for the opportunity to respond before the NWB met.

Sincerely your,

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From: Richard Dwyer [mailto:licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org]
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Hi Chris;

This file is intended to go to the board tomorrow morning; no additional time has been requested by the applicant to respond to comments please let us know as soon as possible if Hope Mine Ltd. intends to submit a response to comments.

Regards,

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Good afternoon;

Please see attached.

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