
Memo

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To: David Hohnstein

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From: Lea-Marie Bowes-Lyon

Subject: Updated Management Plans for Care and Maintenance (2AM-DOH0713)

In response to Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) request for an update on the status of our application for an amendment and renewal to the water licence 2AM-DOH0713, you provided us, on September 28, 2012, with an e-mail response.

In this e-mail you state that previous HBML correspondence indicated that updated management plans, reflecting the care and maintenance status of the project, would be provided to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). You also state that you do not believe that any updated plans have been submitted or received by the NWB to date.

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with a list of updated plans that reflect care and maintenance that have been submitted to the NWB to date and a list of outstanding plans with planned submission dates.

Plans submitted to the NWB that have been updated to reflect care and maintenance are as follow:

- Doris North Closure Plan (submitted August 23, 2012)
- 2AM-DOH0713 QA/QC Plan (submitted August 2, 2012)
- Interim Water Management Plan (February 8, 2012)
- Non-Hazardous Waste Management Plan (March 30, 2012)
- Incinerator Management Plan (submitted March 30, 2012)
- Hazardous Waste Management Plan (submitted March 30, 2012)

All of the above plans have been received by the NWB and are posted on the NWB public registry. You will note that all of these plans have been updated since Newmont Mining Corporation's announcement, on January 31, 2012, of the decision to place the Hope Bay project into care and maintenance. A review of these plans will show that care and maintenance has been taken into consideration in each of these plans.

Plans that have recently been updated to reflect care and maintenance and that will be submitted to the NWB the week of October 8, 2012 are as follow:

- Wastewater Treatment Management Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan (previously updated for care and maintenance but revised recently)
- Emergency Response Plan

The following plan will be revised and submitted with the annual report by March 31, 2012 because it is a plan that must incorporate 2013 field work plans:

- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan

Plans not listed above but listed in the licence are plans that do not yet apply to the project, such as the Tailings Management Plan, or where no change to the plan is required for care and maintenance, such as the Waste Rock Management Plan.

We trust that this memo provides you with the information required to fulfill the “completeness” request that your e-mail states is currently not being fulfilled.