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File: 2AM-DOH0713/Amendment 3

January 18, 2012

Honorable John Duncan, P.C., M.P. Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development Canada and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians 21st Floor, 10 Wellington Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Subject: Licence 2AM-DOH0713 Type A Licence, Hope Bay Mining Limited, Doris

North Project; Amendment No.3, Waste Rock and Ore Management – Storage

and use.

Dear Minister:

Please find enclosed, Amendment No.3 to Licence 2AM-DOH0713. The original licence was issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on September 19, 2007 and subsequently approved by the Minister November 5, 2007. The amendment provides Licence condition changes in order to allow for the approval of the Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan, submitted December 10,2010 by Hope Bay Mining Ltd. and implementation of the Plan through amendment of conditions in the Licence restricting the storage of ore and waste rock and the use in construction of appropriately characterized waste rock from underground. Conditions addressed are as follows:

- Amendment to Part D, Item 24;
- Amendment to Parts G, Item 15, 17;
- Amendment to Part J, Item 12(d);
- Insertion of conditions as appropriate to allow the amendments of items in D, G and J; and
- Amendment of the definition for Temporary Waste Rock Pad to allow for storage of waste rock in other locations previously not identified in the original application.

Upon review of the application submitted by HBML and submissions provided by Environment Canada and Indian Affairs And Northern Development Canada, the NWB determined that the amendment would not affect the use, flow or quality of waters or alter the term of the licence, and accordingly, under section 174(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the NWB determined that a public hearing was not required to amend the Type A Licence.

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the amendment issued by the Board requires your approval and as such, the NWB submits the attached Amendment for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kabloona Nunavut Water Board

Chair

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