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Dave

As per our conversation this afternoon concerning the expiry of the Boston water licence on July 30, 2012 and the need for continuing activities we would like to confirm our understanding. During the period until the renewal licence is issued:

- No water can be used,
- No waste can be generated including the pumping of sumps, ponds or the decline,
- The Boston Camp is not in operation,
- Movement of historic geologic diamond drill core being moved by helicopter out of the 31m zone next to Spyder and Stickleback Lakes may continue,
- Monitoring of fuel security may continue, and
- Compliance monitoring sampling may continue.

In an emergency the company would simply do what is allowed within the old licence.
Further we would like to re-iterate the importance to HBML that the Boston Water Licence be renewed for a 10 year term, as requested.

- The licence terms are largely the same, there have been no significant changes to the site in the last decade and the company is putting the site into care and maintenance. If the site is reopened it will be as an advanced exploration site within the terms and conditions of the existing licence.
- As per our previous submission to you, we view as inappropriate AANDC's comment that the licence should only renewed for a one year term to permit updates to the security. We were surprised and concerned by AANDC's suggestion. In our view, this issue has been adequately addressed by the Board's previous practice of requiring security updates on a schedule as a term of the licence. We anticipate providing updated security estimates by the dates required within the renewed Boston Water Licence. There is no need for or benefit to requiring HBML to apply for renewals for the purpose of updating security when the issue can be addressed as a licence term.
- As per our e-mails of July 26th, addressing AANDC concerns, we confirmed we had submitted an updated Boston Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan to the NWB earlier in July of 2012
- We believe that a 10 year term which matches the term of the recently renewed Hope Bay Type B for Windy, Patch and regional exploration is appropriate, both from the perspective of the management of waters and waste within Nunavut and from the perspective of regulatory efficiency. We are well aware of the time and effort that a simple renewal requires on both the part of the proponent and on the part of the Board and its staff. In our view, AANDC's request increases administrative burdens while offering no environmental benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests.

Regards

Chris

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