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Attn: Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Filiatrault,

Re: Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) Announcement

We are excited to announce that Newmont Mining Corporation has appointed Jim Spenceley as President of Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

Mr. Spenceley has more than 20 years of international project development experience in mining and oil and gas industries and has development experience in the Canadian North. Mr. Spenceley is a Canadian citizen.

Mr. Spenceley will attend our meetings with you and the Executive Director of the NIRB in Cambridge Bay on January 14th. We look forward to introducing Jim to you.

Sincerely,

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