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**Re: Application Exempt from Screening pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1: Renewal to Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s NWB Type B Water Licence for the "Boston Advanced Exploration" project proposal**

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On April 25, 2012, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) to renew the Type B Water Licence (NWB File No.: 2BB-BOS0712) for Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s "Boston Advanced Exploration" project proposal. Please be advised that where no further applications for authorizations have been referred to our office, it appears that this proposal is exempt from NIRB screening pursuant to Items 1 and 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), *Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening* as set out below:

Item 1 of Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA identifies:

*"Land use activities not requiring a permit or authorization from the Government of Canada or Territorial Government"*

And Item 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA further notes that:

*"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3"*

As the NLCA indicates that these types of project proposal are exempt from the requirement for Screening by NIRB, authorizations associated with this proposal may be processed by your office. If this application is associated with a project proposal which has previously been screened by the NIRB, the NIRB's Screening Decision Report may contain recommendations which are relevant to your organization. Screening Decision Reports can be accessed online

from NIRB's public registry using the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/>

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at [kboa-antwi@nirb.ca](mailto:kboa-antwi@nirb.ca) or (867) 793-4609.

Best regards,



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