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**RE: 120410 2BB-BOS0712 2012 Renewal Application – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. –
Kitikmeot Region**

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned renewal application as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is applying for the renewal of Type B water license 2BB-BOS0712. All operations covered by this renewal will remain the same as previously licensed and HBML is only requesting a renewal of the license for an additional ten years.

EC has no comments at this time regarding the license renewal so long as the proponent continues to be in compliance throughout the duration of the renewed water license. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BB-BOS would still apply. If there are any additional proposed changes to the project EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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