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Subject: Submission of the 2008 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report and an Update on the Status of the Water and Ore/Waste Rock Management Plan and the Landfarm Operation and Maintenance Plan

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt of a submission from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. entitled, Submission of the 2008 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report and an Update on the Status of the Water and Ore/Waste Rock Management Plan and the Landfarm Operation and Maintenance Plan for Water License 2BB-BOS0712 Under Part D, Item 20, received on May 4, 2009 as a requirement of 2BB-BOS0712. This submission has been placed on the NWB public registry and is available from the NWB ftp site, **username: public, password: registry** at the following link:

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Sincerely,

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