

March 31, 2011

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU
X0B 1J0
(867) 360-6338

Re: 2AM-DOH0713 and 2BB-BOS0712 – 2010 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please find enclosed with this letter Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s 2010 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report for water licences 2AM-DOH0713 and 2BB-BOS0712.

The Geotechnical Inspection Report is being submitted as per Part J Items 18 and 19 of water licence 2AM-DOH0713 and as per Part D Items 10 and 20 of water license 2BB-BOS0712.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Hanks at Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,

**Léa-Marie
Bowes-Lyon**

Digitally signed by Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon
DN: cn=Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon, o=Hope
Bay Mining Ltd., ou=ESR, email=lea-
marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com, c=CA
Date: 2011.03.31 16:49:26 -07'00'

Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon
Permitting Coordinator
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

