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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-BOS1217 - 2012 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please find enclosed with this letter Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s 2012 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Reports for water licences 2AM-DOH0713 and 2BB-BOS1217.

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 17 of water licence 2BB-BOS1217.

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

Sincerely,

Lea-Marie

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