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Melissa Joy
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Re: Licence 2BB-BOS0712 Discharge from Boston Portal

Dear Ms. Joy,

Please be advised that Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML), under Part D: Item 7, 8, and 23 of the Boston Regional Exploration Permit 2BB-BOS0712, is providing written notice to an Inspector prior to a planned discharge from the portal at the Boston site. HBML plans to begin discharge on September 23, 2009. Sampling undertaken at the Boston Portal on June 21, 2009 indicates that the water in the portal meets the effluent quality standards for discharge as specified in the license. Results of the sampling are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Results of Monitoring Program Station Sampling for the Boston Portal.

Parameter/SNP Sites	BOS-2	Boston: 2BB-BOS0712	
ALS Lab Reference #	L781612-17	Maximum Average Concentration (mg/L)	Maximum Concentration of any Grab Sample (mg/L)
Field Sample Details	BOS Portal	Part D: Item 7	Part D: Item 7
Sample Date/Time	June 21/09 9:40am	Part D: Item 8	Part D: Item 8
Total Arsenic	0.0442	0.5	1.00
Total Copper	0.0026	0.3	0.60
Total Lead	0.00085	0.2	0.4
Total Nickel	0.0138	0.5	1.00
Total Zinc	0.0108	0.5	1.00
Total Suspended Solids	5	25	50.0
Oil and Grease	<1.0	-	No visible sheen
pH	7.05		Between 6.0 and 9.5

Part D Item 7 of the license requires that water from the decline be discharged to a containment pond (monitoring station BOS-2) prior to discharge onto the tundra. The containment pond at Boston currently contains water pumped from the fuel berms and HBML is awaiting test results of this water prior to its discharge from the pond. HBML requests that it be allowed to discharge the water from the decline, which meets the BOS-

2 discharge criteria, onto the tundra in a manner that prevents surface erosion, instead of first transferring it to the containment pond.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this notification and direct any questions to the undersigned. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Patterson
Environmental Compliance Manager on behalf of

Chris Hanks
Director of Environment and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

cc. Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board