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Re: Discharge from Boston Portal Notification of Sept. 22, 2009

Dear Ms. Joy and Mr. Hohnstein,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is writing to clarify its plans associated with the discharge of water from the Boston Portal. Upon consideration of the requirement to amend the license to allow for direct discharge of water from the portal to the environment, HBML will not proceed as described in the letter sent to you on Sept. 22, 2009.

HBML has decided to proceed with the discharge in a manner consistent with Part D Items 7, 8, and 23 of license 2BB-BOS0712. Water from the portal will be pumped to the Containment Pond located at monitoring station BOS-2, the water will then be tested, and the inspector will be notified of the results and of the intent to discharge the water.

Please contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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

cc. Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
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