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Mr. Chris Hanks
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Subject: Hope Bay Mining Ltd.; Submission of a Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Boston Advanced Exploration Project; Licence 2BB-BOS0712

Dear Mr. Hanks;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt of the above document under Part E, Item 5 of Licence 2BB-BOS0712. The Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan was distributed upon receipt for review and comment to interested persons with a submission deadline of February 14, 2008.

The submitted Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan is specific to two Licences: 2BE-HOP0712 and 2BB-BOS0712. The Licensee is instructed in the future to make all documents stand-alone and site-specific. No one Manual should contain information on both 2BE-HOP0712 and 2BB-BOS0712 unless otherwise requested by the Board.

The technical review of the Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Manual has been completed. Comments were received from Environment Canada and should be reviewed by the Licensee. The Board has taken into consideration the information submitted and hereby accepts and approves the Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan dated October 2007 under **Motion 2008-06-14**. An addendum to the Plan is required within thirty (30) days of this approval to address the following issues:

1. Any changes in operation as the result of the assignment process;
2. Changes to staff and management responsible for the proper function of the waste water treatment system;
3. A detailed plan to deal with greywater and sewage wastes in the event of a short-term or long-term shutdown of the rotating biological contractors;

4. The addendum shall be a stand-alone and site specific document. It shall only refer to the Boston Camp Waste Water Treatment System.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (867) 360-6338, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Deon Bridge
Technical Advisor

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