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Subject: Part E, Item 5: Sewage Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Boston Camp and Sewage Sludge Management Alternatives document, Revision 1.4.

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received revision 1.4 to the above-cited Plan on November 4, 2010. The stamped and signed revision prepared by FSC Architects & Engineers was submitted by Hope Bay Mining Limited (HBML) in response to the Plan's conditional approval issued by the NWB on October 12, 2010. The revision has been posted to the NWB's ftp site at the following link:

[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-BOS0712/3%20TECH/11%20C%20A%20I%20O%20\(E\)/E5%20WWT%20Facility%20OM%20and%20Sludge%20Alternatives/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-BOS0712/3%20TECH/11%20C%20A%20I%20O%20(E)/E5%20WWT%20Facility%20OM%20and%20Sludge%20Alternatives/)

The NWB technical staff have reviewed the submission and find that it adequately addresses the additional information requested by the Board. As a minor point of clarification, should there be a need to pump excess water from the sludge sump as indicated in sections 2.5.7 and 3.6.3 of the Plan, the existing tundra treatment area may only be used so long as the effluent meets the quality requirements in Part D, Item 13 of the Licence prior to discharge to the wetland. In addition, the Licensee shall notify the NWB and Inspector at least ten days prior to any planned discharge of effluent from the sludge sump, including an estimated volume to be discharged and location.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact the NWB office.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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