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Subject: Part E, Item 8: Water and Ore/Waste Rock Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of a memo dated June 1, 2010 prepared by SRK Consulting and submitted by Hope Bay Mining Limited (HBML). The memo provides additional information regarding the geochemical characterization of the fuel tank berm at Boston, a structure that had not been sampled for the preparation of the Water and Ore/Waste Rock Management Plan (Plan) submitted in July 2009. The memo 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\(E\)/E8%20Waste%20Rock%20Mgmt%20Plan/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-BOS0712/3%20TECH/11%20C%20A%20I%20O%20(E)/E8%20Waste%20Rock%20Mgmt%20Plan/)

The NWB is also aware that comments on the overall Plan were submitted by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and Environment Canada in September 2009. The NWB has been notified that HBML will provide a response to those comments on or before October 22, 2010. The NWB will notify parties upon receipt of the information.

In order to proceed with the review of additional information, the NWB is providing interested parties until **November 19, 2010** to review the memo and forthcoming response to party comments concerning the overall Plan. Should you, or any parties, 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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