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**Subject: Notice of modification to Sewage Disposal Facility**

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Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt of correspondence dated June 24, 2010 from Hope Bay Mining Limited (HBML) providing notice of plans to modify the Sewage Disposal Facility at the Boston advanced exploration project (Project).

The Project's water Licence was issued on July 6, 2007 and includes consideration of a Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) as a means to treat sewage to meet the Effluent quality criteria set out in the Licence. In April 2009, the NWB was notified of HBML's intent to replace the previous RBC with a membrane technology system; however the NWB understands that the system was not commissioned, and that at present, HBML intends to replace the existing Sewage Disposal Facility with a new RBC. HBML's letter of June 24, 2010, which provides notice of the planned modification, 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/6%20MODIFICATIONS%20\(G\)/2010/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-BOS0712/3%20TECH/6%20MODIFICATIONS%20(G)/2010/)

The NWB gives interested parties until **July 15, 2010** to review the modification notice and make representation to the NWB. At the end of the review period the NWB will review all submissions and you will be contacted should concerns arise or should additional information be needed. Please forward all comments to [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org).

In addition to the notice of the modification, HBML has also provided an Operation and Maintenance Manual for the facility, facility drawings, and a Sewage Sludge Management

Alternatives document. These files are also located on the NWB's ftp site at the link provided above. Interested parties may review the documents and provide comments back to the NWB by **August 5, 2010**.

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

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

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