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RE: 2BB-BOS0712 G1 Notice of Modification to Sewage Disposal Facility

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) has notified the NWB that under Part G-1 of water license 2BB-BOS0712 they are proposing a modification to their existing Sewage Disposal Facility. HBML is planning to replace the existing Rotating Biological Contact (RBC) facility with a newer RBC which is consistent with the definition of Sewage Treatment Facility included in the water license.

EC has no comments at this time regarding the modification provided the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the original application and that they are in compliance with their existing water license. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BE-BOS0712 would still apply to this project. Terms and conditions applied to the existing water license should be carried forward to this modification. If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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