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Chris Hanks
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Subject: Modification to Sewage Disposal Facility

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is in receipt of comments from Environment Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Government of Nunavut Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth concerning the proposed modification to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The comments have 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/)

There were no concerns expressed regarding the installation of the new Rotating Biological Contactor. The NWB agrees with parties that the modification is consistent with the terms of the Licence and accepts the modification. The NWB does not require further information prior to carrying out of modification.

Please note that in accordance with Part G, Item 3 of the Licence, Hope Bay Mining Ltd is required to submit as-built drawings within ninety (90) days of the modification's completion.

The NWB also reminds parties that the comment deadline on the STP's Operation and Maintenance Manual and Sewage Sludge Management Alternatives document is **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:

Richard Dwyer
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Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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