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Re: 2BB-BOS0712 – Boston Landfarm Closure and Reclamation Plan Update

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

On October 7, 2008, Deon Bridge sent Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) a letter requesting that we submit a Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Boston Landfarm facility by Dec. 7, 2008.

HBML is currently still in the process of finalizing the details of the Closure and Reclamation Plan and so has not been able to submit the completed revised plan as requested. HBML will be submitting this plan to the NWB and the NIRB by March 31, 2010.

For your information, Boston Camp remained closed for the entirety of 2009 and so no reclamation activities took place. At the moment, Boston Camp will remain closed for 2010 as well.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
Director Environmental and Social Responsibility
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cc. NIRB