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Re: 2BE-HOP0712 Amendment Application for Open Burning - Withdrawal

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

In August 2007, Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. applied for an amendment to 2BE-HOP0712 under Part D: Conditions Applying to Waste Disposal, condition 2. The purpose of the application was to seek authorization for year round on-site open burning of untreated wood products too large for the incinerator on site. This would reduce the volume of waste backhauled to receiving communities and reduce the various resources required to facilitate the removal of the waste from site.

However, since that application for amendment was filed, the ownership of the property was transferred from Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. to Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) and the license was assigned to HBML.

HBML is currently in the process of updating a materials management plan for the Hope Bay Belt. Upon completion of the plan, if HBML would choose to employ open burning, we would reapply for an open burning permit at that time. Thus, HBML would like to withdraw the application for amendment.

Please contact me at the following e-mail address Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
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