

May 26, 2010

Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Attn: Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing
Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Beaulieu and Ms. Filiatrault;

Application for Amendment No. 5 of Water Licence No. 2BE-HOP0712

We are pleased to submit a copy of our amendment application No. 5 for Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-HOP0712. Please find the following documents enclosed:

- Water Licence Application form designating this submission as an **AMENDMENT**;
- Water Licence Application Supplementary Questionnaire for Exploration/Remote camp;
- Executive Summary in English and Inuinnaqtun;
- Project Description;
- Engineering drawings for the camp pad layout and associated water intake and sewage discharge lines, and the tank farm design.

As HBML currently hopes to commence related construction in September 2010, and to begin housing personnel at the Windy Camp as early as January 2011, your earliest attention to this application is greatly appreciated.

As well, the Board requested that HBML provide an update on future planned applications relating to 2BE-HOP0712. HBML is currently developing an amendment application to proceed with bulk sampling at Doris Central and Patch Lake. We will be in contact with the Board in respect of these plans in due course but it is currently anticipated that this application will be submitted during Fall 2010. The NWB is also currently considering two other applications by HBML to amend 2BE-HOP0712:

- Amendment No. 3: amendment regarding drilling water sources; and
- Amendment No. 4: amendment regarding discharge of water from Quarry A, B, and D.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental & Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.

cc. Stephanie Autut, NIRB
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