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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 2BE-HOP0712

April 25, 2008

Mr. Michael Meyer
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.
300-889 Harbourside Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1
Email: Michael.Meyer@newmont.com

Subject: Hope Bay Mining Ltd. – Hope Bay Windy Project - Amendment – Type “B”

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of your amendment application for a Type “B” water license on March 13, 2008, for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling & camp operations for the Hope Bay Project, in the Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. The application can be obtained from our ftp site at the following link:
<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/> 2BE-EXPLORATION / 2BE-HOP or by contacting our office. The application includes the following documents:

- cover letter dated March 13, 2008
- water license application form
- project summary in Inuinaqtun & English
- application fee
- Amended Inuit Owned Land Use License 3

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

This application is within an area where there is no land use plan approved in accordance with Part 5 of Article 11 of the NLCA, and is therefore not subject to the requirements of Section 38 (1) to 38 (5) of the Act.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representation directly to the NWB *within 30 days from the date of this letter.* The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: Distribution List - Kitikmeot