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NWB File No.: 2BE-HOP0712

April 17, 2009

Mr. Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.
Suite 300 – 889 Harbourside Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1
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Subject: Hope Bay Mining Ltd. – Urgent Amendment Application – Type B Water Licence

Dear Mr. Hanks:

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. has submitted an application to amend Type B Water Licence 2BE-HOP0712 (Licence) to allow the temporary use of water withdrawn from Windy Lake to be trucked for use as potable water at the Hope Bay Mining Ltd. Doris Camp (Application). The amendment is necessary pending modification of the Doris water treatment facility, authorized by Doris Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOHO71, to treat for blue-green algae found in Doris Lake.

Documents pertaining to this application are attached for your reference and are also available from our ftp site at the following location:

<http://www.nunavutwaterboard.org//PRUC/2 MINING AND MILLING/2B/2BE - Exploration/2BE-HOP0712/1 APPLICATION/2009 Amendment 1>

As the need for potable water at the Doris Camp is urgent and the volume of water taken from Windy Lake will not exceed the volume authorized under Part C, Item 1 of the Licence, the Board accepts Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s submission that urgent circumstances exist. Accordingly, pursuant to subsection 55(4) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*,¹ the

¹ Subsection 55(4) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* states:

55(4) Where a public hearing is not held in relation to an application, the Board shall not act on the application until at least thirty days notice of the application that has been published under subsection (1) unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are urgent circumstances that justify the Board acting on that application in a shorter period, but that shorter period shall not be less than ten days.

Board approves a shorter notice period for this Application and intends to act on the Application on April 27, 2009.

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 representations directly to the NWB within 10 days from the date of this letter. Please review the submitted information and provide comments to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), on or before 5:00 pm MST on April 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

cc: Kitikmeot Distribution List