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File: 2BE-HOP0712/Application

June 23, 2010

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**Subject: 2BE-HOP0712 Hope Bay Mining Ltd.; Application for Amendment to Discharge Water From Quarries A, B and D.**

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Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on April 23, 2010 of an application from Hope Bay Mining Ltd (HBML) to amend Type "B" exploration Licence 2BE-HOP0712 to allow for the discharge of water from three (3) quarries associated with the Hope Bay Regional Exploration Project. The application is the fourth application for amendment to the Licence issued May 20, 2007. The application consists of the following documents:

1. Letter dated June 3, 2010 Type B Water Licence 2BE-HOP0712 – Application for Amendment No. 4 to Permit Drainage from Quarry A, B and D;
2. Letter dated April 21, 2010 Application for Amendment No. 4 of Water Licence No. 2BE-HOP0712 (amendment regarding discharge of water from Quarry A, B and D);
3. Water Licence Application Form;
4. Executive summary English;
5. Executive summary Inuinnaqtun;
6. Hope Bay Project Quarry A, B & D Management and Monitoring Plan SRK, dated April 2010; and
7. Geochemical Characterization of Quarry Materials for the Doris-Windy All-Weather Road Hope Bay Project SRK dated August 2008.

The application information is available on the NWB's ftp site at the following link (username: public; password: registry):

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-HOP0712%20Newmont/1%20APPLICATION/>

The NWB first acknowledged the amendment application in its letter to HBML dated May 19, 2010. At that time, the NWB had requested additional information as an update to the all-weather road. HBML provided clarification and additional information to the NWB on June 3, 2010 including:

1. Letter dated June 3, 2010 – Windy Camp Road Update;
2. Memo from SRK dated October 6, 2008 Subject: Doris-Windy All Weather Road: Geochemical Monitoring of Quarry Rock;
3. Memo from SRK dated November 10, 2008 Subject: Doris-Windy Road – Pile Foundations for Arched Culverts;
4. Letter from HBML dated 13 May 2008 Regulatory Requirements for the proposed Windy Camp Road;
5. Letter from HBML dated 9 October 2008 Regulatory Requirements for the proposed Windy Camp Road;
6. Letter from Fisheries and Oceans dated June 2, 2008 Subject: Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish habitat provided that additional mitigation measures are applied;
7. Letter from Transport Canada dated August 5, 2008 Re: Navigability enquiry of four crossings located at UTM 432735; 7556883; UTM 432678; 7555643, UTM 432481; 7554772, and UTM433445; 7552123, Proposed Windy Camp Road;
8. Memorandum from Golder Associates dated July 14, 2008 Re: Stream Crossing Assessments for Doris-Windy Road;
9. Email from Martin Gebauer to Chris Hanks dated May 1, 2008;
10. Letter from CLEY to Golder Associates dated September 11, 2008;
11. Information from Nuna dated November 7, 2008 Pipe Pile Drilling Methodology;
12. Information from Nuna dated August 29, 2008 Quarry Development Plan Doris to Windy Road.

The additional information provided by HBML on June 3, 2010 is available on the NWB's ftp site at the following link (username: public; password: registry):

[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-HOP0712%20Newmont/3%20TECH/11%20C%20A%20I%20O%20\(E\)/E4%20All%20Weather%20Road/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-HOP0712%20Newmont/3%20TECH/11%20C%20A%20I%20O%20(E)/E4%20All%20Weather%20Road/)

The NWB has completed a preliminary review of your application and concluded that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("Act"). However, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or to 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.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* ("NLCA"), prior to the application being fully processed by the NWB, the project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission ("NPC") to determine whether the project proposal is in conformity with an approved land use plan. By copy of this letter, the NWB requests the NPC provide its determination and recommendations to the NWB pursuant to Sections 13.4.2 through 13.4.5 of the NLCA, or written confirmation that the project proposal falls outside the boundaries of an

approved land use plan. Also, by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), the NWB requests that if the project proposal requires screening, the NIRB provide the NWB with a determination pursuant to Section 13.5.1 of the NLCA. Or, if the project is exempt from screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA, the NWB requests written confirmation from the NIRB that the project proposal is in fact exempt from screening.

To ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB forwards notice of all documentation to regulators and council of the municipality(ies) most affected by the project, inviting interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB’s manager of licensing ([licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org)) on or before **July 23, 2010**. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

If there are any immediate questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org) or David Hohnstein, Director Technical Services at [dts@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:dts@nunavutwaterboard.org).

Yours truly,

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