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File: 2BE-HOP0712/Application

June 28, 2010

Chris Hanks
Director, Environment and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.
Suite 300, 889 Harbourside Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1
Email: chris.hanks@newmont.com

Subject: 2BE-HOP0712 Hope Bay Mining Ltd.; Application for Amendment To Relocate the Windy camp.

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on May 26, 2010 of an application from Hope Bay Mining Ltd (HBML) to amend Type "B" exploration Licence 2BE-HOP0712 to allow for the relocation of the Windy camp. Additional information including a translated executive summary and update on the Windy Camp Abandonment and Restoration Plan was received June 22, 2010. The application is the fifth amendment application for the Licence issued May 20, 2007. The application consists of the following documents:

1. Cover letter dated May 26, 2010 Type B Water Licence 2BE;
2. Water Licence Application Form;
3. Executive summary English;
4. Executive summary translation;
5. Project Description;
6. Exploration/Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire;
7. Engineering Drawings for the Windy Camp;
8. Engineering Drawings for the Windy Camp Fuel Tank Farm; and
9. Letter dated June 21, 2010 Re: Windy camp Abandonment and Restoration Plan Update.

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 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. 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) on or before **July 28, 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 or David Hohnstein, Director Technical Services at dts@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Administrator

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