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Via email: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Re: Application Exempt from Screening under Schedule 12-1: Amendment application with the Nunavut Water Board for Hope Bay Mining Ltd's Type "B" Water Licence

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On May 28, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an amendment application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) Type "B" Water Licence associated with "Hope Bay Project". Please be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1(5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA):

Schedule 12-1(5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3."

Please be advised that any future renewal, extension or amendment applications for the above noted water licence will be exempt from screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (5) of the NLCA.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at lw@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4606

Best regards,

Li Wan
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Chris Hanks, Hope Bay Mining Ltd.