



**NIRB File No.: 12MN001**

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*Sent via email: [john.roberts@tmacresources.com](mailto:john.roberts@tmacresources.com)*

**Re: NIRB Request for Project Update from TMAC Resources Inc. for the “Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt” Project**

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Dear John Roberts:

This letter is provided to advise that I, Kristina Benoit, have recently been appointed as the lead Technical Advisor for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) ongoing Review of TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC) Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001).

As you are aware, at the request of then-Project owner<sup>1</sup>, Hope Bay Mining Ltd., the NIRB suspended its assessment of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project following the issuance of Project-specific Guidelines for the Proponent's Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project on December 16, 2012. Staff of the NIRB met with TMAC representatives in April 2014, and during these discussions, was informed that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt proposal may be forthcoming toward the end of 2014 or early in 2015. The NIRB respectfully requests that TMAC provide our office with an update regarding the anticipated timing for submission of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project proposal.

The NIRB would appreciate receiving the requested update within 30 days' receipt of this letter. Submissions may be made via email to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or by fax to (867) 983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please feel free to contact me at (867) 983-4607 or [kbenoit@nirb.ca](mailto:kbenoit@nirb.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> Correspondence dated May 7, 2012 from C. Hanks (Newmont Mining Corp.) to R. Barry (NIRB), available from: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/12MN001-HBML%20PHASE%202%20HOPE%20BAY%20BELT/2-REVIEW/02-GENERAL%20CORRESPONDENCE/>

Sincerely,



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