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Ministère de l'Environnement

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Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board

via Email to: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

RE: NWB FILE # 2BE-HOP0712 – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. – Hope Bay Project Urgent Amendment Application

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the amendment application from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. for the Hope Bay Project. The amendment request is to allow temporary withdrawal of water from Windy Lake to be used as potable water at the Doris Camp until the water treatment system at the Doris Camp has been upgraded. Withdrawal of water from Windy Lake is covered under water licence 2BE-HOP0712.

DoE has no comments with regards to the amendment application.

We thank the NWB for the opportunity to provide comments on Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s water license amendment application. Please contact us if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

## Original signed by

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