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RE: 2BE-HOP0712 Additional Review Request

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the additional information submitted with the above-mentioned amendment application to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is applying for an amendment of their water license 2BE-HOP0712 from the NWB. HBML is seeking to amend the water license to allow for the relocation of Windy Camp to a quarry site along the Doris-Windy all-weather road once excavation of the quarry is complete. Fuel tanks from the Windy Camp site and the Patch Lake Tank Farm will be moved to the new site. The camp will accommodate up to 180 people. The freshwater intake and greywater outfall for the new site will be at the same location as for the original Windy Camp and water use will increase to 63 m³ per day.

Based on the information provided by HBML, EC has no additional comments to provide regarding this amendment. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BE-HOP0712 would still apply to this project. If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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