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Re: INAC Inspection of Hope Bay Aug. 2-3, 2010 Issues Addressed Update (2AM-DOH0713, 2BE-HOP0712, and 2BB-BOS0712)

Dear Ms. Joy and Mr. Rayner,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) would like to provide you with an update regarding issues that were identified during your most recent inspection of the Hope Bay area on August 2-3, 2010. The water licences for this area are 2BB-BOS0712, 2BE-HOP0712, and 2AM-DOH0713. The issues, and when they were addressed, are as follow:

1. The removal of water from the fuel berm at the helicopter pad (2AM-DOH0713)
 - The water was removed on August 04, 2010.
2. Jerry cans not in secondary containment adjacent the Rescan seacan (2AM-DOH0713)
 - The jerry cans by the Rescan seacan were placed in secondary containment on August 04, 2010.
3. Fuel nozzles on the “Fly” tanks adjacent the 75,000 liter tanks not having drip containment (2AM-DOH0713)
 - Drip containment was placed at these tanks on August 05, 2010.
4. The oil stained gravel in the Orbit shop at Robert’s Bay (2AM-DOH0713)
 - The oil stained gravel in the Orbit shop at Robert’s Bay was removed on August 04, 2010.
5. The oil stained gravel in the Nuna shop at Roberts Bay (2AM-DOH0713)
 - The oil stained gravel in the Nuna shop at Roberts Bay was removed on August 05, 2010.
6. The submission of an engineered design for the sewage outfall at ST-8 (2AM-DOH0713)

- The engineering design is currently being prepared and will be submitted to the NWB once completed (Oct. 2010).
7. Request for the Closure and Reclamation Plans for Patch and Windy (2BE-HOP0712)
- This plan is currently being updated and will be submitted to the NWB by Dec. 31, 2010.
8. To provide INAC with a copy of the spill response plan including the list of those trained on site (2AM-DOH0713, 2BB-BOS0712, 2BE-HOP0712)
- The current Spill Response Plan reviewed by the NWB can be accessed at the following link on the NWB public registry (username: public, password: registry):
[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-DOH0713/3%20TECH/8%20SPILL%20CP%20\(I\)/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-DOH0713/3%20TECH/8%20SPILL%20CP%20(I)/).
 - There are 44 trained personnel on site and a list of these people is available upon request.

We trust that these answers address the issues discussed during the inspection. As a follow-up to this update, we look forward to receiving your inspection report. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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