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Dear David,

**Re: Water Usage Numbers – Doris Camp from Windy Lake**

As reported in the April 2009 Monthly SNP Report for water licence 2BE-HOP0712, water usage extracted from Windy Lake for domestic use at Doris Camp under temporary licence amendment, exceeded daily allowable values of 20m<sup>3</sup> per day on several occasions. It is our opinion that the exceedences are partially a result of the methodology by which the volume of water is calculated that is being transferred by tanker truck from Windy Lake to Doris Camp. Roughly estimated a full truckload carries 8m<sup>3</sup> (8000L) per trip, to the storage tanks at Doris Camp. There is no meter on the water truck that was pressed into service to provide domestic water to the camp under the emergency circumstances that required use of an alternative water source due to the algae bloom and m. toxins in Doris Lake during the winter of 2008/2009.

The average usage per day based on estimated truckload quantities is 20.7m<sup>3</sup>/day. We believe this to be an overestimation as the average metered daily effluent from the Sewage Treatment Plant at Doris is 18.1m<sup>3</sup>. Daily discharge values may more accurately represent the true current daily domestic consumption for Doris Camp than do the truck load estimates. The daily discharge values for April from the metered effluent line at Doris camp are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1. Daily Metered Discharge for April – Doris Camp.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
April 1/09	15
April 2/09	15
April 3/09	15
April 4/09	13
April 5/09	20
April 6/09	16
April 7/09	17
April 8/09	21
April 9/09	18
April 10/09	14

April 11/09	16
April 12/09	18
April 13/09	18
April 14/09	18
April 15/09	19
April 16/09	16
April 17/09	18
April 18/09	25
April 19/09	19
April 20/09	22
April 21/09	15
April 22/09	16
April 23/09	18
April 24/09	21
April 25/09	14
April 26/09	21
April 27/09	24
April 28/09	19
April 29/09	20
April 30/09	19
<b>Average</b>	<b>18.1</b>

Amendment No. 2, issued May 4/09, reinforced the domestic use requirement of 20m<sup>3</sup>/day as stipulated in the original licence 2BE-HOP0712, and it is the intention of HBML to ensure that further daily truckloads do not exceed the allowable daily usage.

Once Doris Camp water treatment system improvements are complete in the very near future, we will cease water usage from Windy Lake and resume extraction from Doris Lake for domestic use under licence 2AM-DOH0713. This usage, at our present rates of consumption will be well under the allowable water usage values for Doris Camp domestic use (480,000m<sup>3</sup> annual/365 = 1315m<sup>3</sup>/day.). The Doris water system has a metering system and so this ambiguity over quantities used will no longer be an issue.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Chris.Hanks@ Newmont.com or 1-720-917-4489.

Sincerely yours,

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