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2BE-HOP0712/TR/H,1

Phyllis Beaulieu
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Nunavut Water Board
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Sent Via Email

Dear Phyllis,

**Subject Water License #2BE-HOP0712, Hope Bay Mining Ltd., Hope
Bay Project, Kitikmeot Region, Spill Contingency Plan and
Emergency Response Plan**

Please be advised that on behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, I have completed a review of the above referenced Hope Bay Mining Ltd. submission to the Nunavut Water Board.

A Technical Review Memorandum (attached) is provided to the Board for consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, feel free to contact me at 867-975-4555 or David.Abernethy@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Regards,

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Attached.

Cc: Ian Rumbolt, INAC Water Resources Manager
Peter Kusagak, INAC Field Operations Manager

TECHNICAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: Dec. 9/09

To: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

From: David Abernethy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Re: **Water License #2BE-HOP0712, Hope Bay Mining Ltd., Hope Bay Project, Kivalliq Region, Spill Contingency Plan and Emergency Response Plan**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On Nov. 27/09 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plans to interested parties for review. These plans were submitted to the Board for approval pursuant to Part H, Item #1 of Water License #2BE-HOP0712. Their reference details are,

- HBML, Hope Bay Project Spill Contingency Plan. Prepared by SRK Consulting Engineers and Scientists. Reference # SRK 1CH008.009.500. September 2009; and,
- HBML, Hope Bay Emergency Response Plan. Reference # HB-HSLP-ERP. September 2009.

RESULTS OF REVIEW

The following comments / recommendations are provided for the Board's consideration,

- Peter Kusugak, Field Operations Manager for INAC's Nunavut Regional Office, should be contacted in the event of a hazardous materials or hydrocarbon spill. Peter can be reached by telephone at 867 975-4295 and email at Peter.Kusugak@inac-ainc.gc.ca. The Spill Contingency Plan should be revised accordingly.
- The submitted Plans appear to address HBML's License requirements.

Prepared by David Abernethy

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Peter Kusugak, INAC Field Operations Manager