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Re: Submission of Spill Contingency Plan and Revised Emergency Response Plan

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned plans. 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) has submitted a Spill Contingency Plan and Revised Emergency Response Plan to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for review for the Hope Bay (2BE-HOP0712), Doris North (2AM-DOH0713) and Boston projects (2BB-BOS0712). Environment Canada provides the following comment for the NWB's consideration:

- Please note that the contact number given for Environment Canada should be updated to (867) 975-4644 and fax number (867) 975-4594, on pages 3, 6, 7, 47 and 60 of the Spill Contingency Plan.

If there are any further changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. If you should have any questions regarding the foregoing please contact Environment Canada via email at EC.EA.NU@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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