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February 19, 2010

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Subject: Review of Spill Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) for the Hope Bay exploration project on November 26, 2009 (under the 2BB-BOS0712 Licence) for review and comment by interested parties. As of January 5, 2010 the NWB had received comments from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment Canada and the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment.

As you know, the SCP submitted in accordance with Part H, Item 1 of Licence 2BE-HOP0712, is identical to the SCP submitted for the Boston project under licence 2BB-BOS0712, which is also owned by Hope Bay Mining Limited.

In a letter dated January 6, 2010, the NWB wrote to you indicating that the SCP for the Boston project required revisions to meet a conditional approval granted for a previously submitted SCP and to address comments received during the Plan's most recent review. As the SCP for 2BE-HOP0712 (Hope Bay) is the same document, the comments received are also applicable and therefore, the NWB's letter of January 6, 2010 applies to this file as well.

In accordance with the direction provided by the NWB on January 6, 2010 and Part H, Item 2, please provide a revised SCP with the submission of the 2009 Annual Report or within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The SCP should be submitted as a stand-alone document. Upon receipt, and prior to its approval by the Board, the revised SCP will be reviewed internally to ensure that the requested changes have been made.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing

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