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Subject: Review of revised Spill Contingency Plan

Dear Ms. Bowes-Lyon,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) approved Hope Bay Mining Ltd's (HBML) Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) on March 4, 2008. The SCP was approved on the condition that an addendum be provided within sixty (60) days of the approval in order to address the comments submitted by interested parties during its review.

On October 13, 2009 a revised SCP was submitted as an appendix to the Hope Bay Emergency Response Plan, and in accordance with Part H, Item 4 of Licence 2BB-BOS0712. The document was again distributed for review with a comment deadline of January 4, 2010. On January 6, 2010 the NWB advised HBML that several items were not completely addressed in the revised SCP and further identified additional issues for HBML to address. The NWB requested that a second revision be submitted with the 2009 Annual Report.

On March 29, 2010 the NWB received the second revision to the SCP. The NWB understands that the SCP applies to the following three (3) licences held by HBML: 2AM-DOH0713 (Doris North mine site), 2BB-BOS0712 (Boston advanced exploration site), 2BE-HOP0712 (Windy exploration site).

The NWB has undertaken an internal review of the document and finds that it meets the previously requested updates and Licence requirements. However, please note, for your information, that the contact information listed in the table entitled "Key Government Contacts" (adobe pg 3) should be updated as follows:

- Manager of Field Operations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: the correct telephone number is 867-975-4295 and fax # 867-979-6445;
- The table should include Environment Canada, Manager of Enforcement: telephone number is 867-669-4730; and
- The table should be the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment, Manager of Pollution Control: telephone number is 867-975-7748.

The revised SCP has been posted to the NWB's ftp site for each applicable Licence file. Should you have any questions please contact the NWB office.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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