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Re: 2BE-HOP0712 – Windy and Patch Closure and Reclamation Plan Update

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

In Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) August 5, 2009 letter to the Mr. Abernathy of INAC, I informed him that HBML would be submitting the revised Windy Camp and Patch Lake Facility Closure and Reclamation Plan by December 31, 2009.

HBML is currently still in the process of finalizing the details of the Closure and Reclamation Plan so we will not be able to submit the completed revised plan by the end of 2009 as previously stated. Instead, we will be submitting this plan to the NWB and the NIRB by March 31, 2010.

Starting in January 2010, HBML will begin moving buildings from Windy Camp and move them along ice roads to Doris Camp for reuse. It is HBML's plans to reuse as many Windy Camp facilities at Doris Camp as possible in order to facilitate closure of the camp.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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cc. NIRB