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

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) would like to provide you with an update regarding the Windy Camp Closure Plan required by licence 2BE-HOP0712. Please find attached to this letter a timeline for the reclamation of Windy Camp. As indicated by this timeline, HBML will be submitting an updated Closure Plan to the NWB at the end of 2010.

Submission of the closure plan is set for the end of 2010 because we have been in discussion with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, the surface rights owner of the area, about the details of the closure. Once the KIA and HBML reach an agreement on the reclamation details, the closure plan will be finalized and submitted to the NWB.

In NWB correspondence dated October 7, 2008, HBML was asked to provide a closure plan specific to the Windy Camp landfarm. Considering that the reclamation of the landfarm took place prior to this letter being received, HBML will include a final summary of the closure of the landfarm, as well as recommendations for management of residual effects in the substrate, in the Windy Closure Plan. This is detailed in our September 4, 2009 letter to David Abernathy of INAC (please refer to [http://nunavutwaterboard.org/1 PRUC/2 MINING MILLING/2B/2BE - Exploration/2BE-HOP0712 Newmont/3 TECH/9MONITORING\(J\)/2009/090904 2BE-HOP0712 HBML Response to INAC Comments of June 2009 SNP Report-IMLE.pdf](http://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-HOP0712%20Newmont/3%20TECH/9MONITORING(J)/2009/090904%202BE-HOP0712%20HBML%20Response%20to%20INAC%20Comments%20of%20June%202009%20SNP%20Report-IMLE.pdf)).

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

Sincerely,

for

Chris Hanks
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