

January 14, 2013

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Re: 2AM-DOH0713, 2BE-HOP122, and 2BB-BOS1217 – Updated Security Estimates

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

On August 23, 2012, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. submitted updated closure plans for all three licences that apply to the Hope Bay project: 2AM-DOH0713, 2BE-HOP1222, and 2BB-BOS1217. These plans are currently under review and we will be responding shortly to regulator comments received on these plans.

In our August 23, 2012, cover we stated that we would be providing updated security estimates for these licences once the plans were approved. We have had a chance to complete review of the estimates and attached with this letter are the updated security estimates for the three licences. Given that the Closure Plan review is proceeding we have decided to submit these now with the hope they will help answer some stakeholder questions regarding Closure Planning.

These estimates were prepared by our consultant, SRK Consulting, using their model. There are two documents included, both dated December 31, 2012: one contains the estimates for all three licences, while the other is a comparison between the RECLAIM model and the SRK model used for these estimates.

If you have any questions or comments with respect to the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com or Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon at lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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cc. 20121231 Hope Bay Closure Costing Model Comparison RECLAIM vs SRK Model
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