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## Re: 2BE-HOP122 HBML Response to the Closure Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

On June 28, 2012, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. submitted an updated Closure Plan for licence 2BE-HOP1222. The NWB sent out a request for comments for this Closure Plan on Aug. 1, 2012. Comments were received by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Environment Canada and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association in early October 2012.

We have responded to the comments received and provide these responses as an attachment to this cover letter. If you have any questions or comments with respect to the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:chris.hanks@newmont.com">chris.hanks@newmont.com</a> or Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon at <a href="mailto:lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com">lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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