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Re: 2008 Monthly Monitoring Reports for 2008 not acknowledged by NWB

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) has not received acknowledgement letters from the NWB for some monthly monitoring reports that were submitted in early 2008. As these reports do not appear on the NWB ftp site, HBML would like to verify with you the status of these reports.

Monthly monitoring reports for which HBML has not received acknowledgment are as follow:

License 2BE-HOP0712

- February 2008
- March 2008
- April 2008

License 2BB-BOS0712

- March 2008
- April 2008
- June 2008
- July 2008

The monthly monitoring reports were originally submitted to David Hohnstein by Matt Kawei. It is our understanding that the reports were then forwarded to you for filing.

HBML would like the NWB records to be verified to determine whether these reports were received. Please contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com to inform me of the reports' status.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.