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**Re: December 2009 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water License 2BE-HOP0712 under Part J
– Items 2 – 8.**

Following is the monthly report for December 2009 as required under Water license 2BE-HOP0712. Note that Windy Camp closed for operation in 2008. For the exploration program in 2009, drilling support will be provided out of Doris Camp. Drilling water consumption will be reported under Part J: Item 6 of this report.

1. PART J: ITEM 2

During the month of December 2009, no water quality sampling was done at SNP stations HOP-2 and HOP-3 located at Windy Lake. The Windy Camp was closed for operation as of October 23, 2008.

2. PART J: ITEM 3

No sampling was conducted for Non-acute Toxicity at HOP-3 during the month of December as the WWTF facility was not operational and there is no effluent available for sampling at the point of entry into Windy Lake.

3. PART J: ITEM 4

No samples were taken from monitoring station HOP-5 and HOP-6 in December as any water accumulation is frozen.

4. PART J: ITEM 5

Water quality samples under Part F: Item 7 - Drilling through Lake Ice were collected in May and June once drilling operations were complete on Patch and Doris Lakes. No samples were collected in December as the program is finished for the year.

5. PART J: ITEM 6

Water for domestic use was not utilized from Windy Lake during December as the camp at Windy Lake is closed. No drilling was conducted pertaining to regional exploration licence 2BE-HOP0712 during the month of December, thus there wasn't any water used for this purpose.

6. PART J: ITEM 7

No treated effluent was discharged from the WWTF at monitoring station HOP-2 due to the closure of Windy Lake Camp, and no volumes were measurable at HOP-3. The Land farm no longer exists at HOP-4, and no volumes were pumped at HOP-5 Windy Camp Bulk Fuel Storage or HOP-6 Patch Lake Bulk Fuel Storage during the month as these facilities began freezing over. As reported in the September monthly SNP report, effluent in the Instant berms was transferred to containment tanks and drums for removal and further treatment as soon as the ice road is available to access this location.

7. PART J: ITEM 8

No sludge was removed from the WWTF during the month of December as the facility is not operational.

INCIDENT REPORTING

No incidents were reported pertaining to the licence during the period.

Should there be any questions regarding the monthly report for December 2009, please contact Chris Hanks, Director, Environment and Social Responsibility, Hope Bay Mining Limited on phone number: 720-917-4489 or email: Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com

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