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**Re: December 2010 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water License 2BE-HOP0712 under Part J
– Items 2 – 8.**

Following is the monthly report for December 2010 as required under Water license 2BE-HOP0712. Note that Windy Camp closed for operation in 2008. Drilling water consumption pertaining to this licence will be reported under Part J: Item 6 of this report.

1. PART J: ITEM 2

During the month of December 2010, no water quality sampling was done at SNP stations HOP-2 and HOP-3 located at Windy Lake. Windy Camp was closed for operations October 23, 2008 and the WWTF is not operational.

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 collected from HOP-5 (Bulk Fuel Storage – Windy Camp) in December. The dewatering at this location was completed in August.

No samples were taken from monitoring station HOP-6 (Bulk Fuel Storage Facility – Patch Lake) in December as minimal water accumulation in this facility was frozen.

4. PART J: ITEM 5

No samples were collected under Part F: Item 7 - Drilling through Lake Ice in December as the winter drilling program is complete for 2010 and post-drilling under ice water quality samples were collected and reported on in May.

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 December.

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 Landfarm no longer exists at HOP-4, and no volumes were pumped at HOP-6 Patch Lake Bulk Fuel Storage during the month.

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

There were no incidents which occurred during the month pertaining to this licence.

Should there be any questions regarding the monthly report for December 2010, 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

Yours sincerely,

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