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**Re: August 2011 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water License 2BE-HOP0712 under Part J –
Items 2 – 8**

Following is the monthly report for August 2011 as required under Water License 2BE-HOP0712. The license was issued on May 20, 2007 and will expire on June 30, 2012. This Type B water license is specific to exploration activities. The quantity of water usage shall not exceed 80 cubic metres (m³) daily for drilling purposes and 63 m³ daily for domestic use, plus an additional 200 m³ per day between May and September for dust suppression, for a total of 82,795 m³ for 2011.

This monthly report provides information on Part J (Conditions Applying to the Monitoring Program) Items 2 through 9 inclusive. Windy Camp closed for operation in 2008.

1. PART J: ITEM 2, 3, 7, AND 8

Windy Camp was closed for operations October 23, 2008; therefore the licence requirements relating to the WWTF are not applicable at this time. The new Windy Camp is expected to be constructed in 2012.

2. PART J: ITEM 4 AND 7

No water was discharged from HOP-5 (Bulk Fuel Storage – Windy Camp) during the month of August.

The landfarm at Windy Camp has been removed, therefore, HOP-4 is no longer applicable. No discharge occurred from HOP-6 (Bulk Fuel Storage Facility – Patch Lake) during August.

3. PART J: ITEM 5

During August, no under-ice pre- or post-drilling samples were collected.

4. PART J: ITEM 6

None of the water permitted for domestic or dust suppression use under Water License 2BE-HOP0712 was used in August 2011. Patch, Windy and Wolverine lakes were used as drill water sources in August 2011. Geographical locations of water extraction are retained on file per Part J: Item 9 of the licence. During August, drill water usage was in compliance with Part C: (amended) Item 1 stipulating the volume of water for drilling purposes shall not exceed 80 m³ per day. Drill water usage is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Drill Water, Ice Road Construction and Other Usage in cubic meters (m³), August 2011

| Date (August) | Drilling (80 m ³ Daily) | | | | | Ice Road and/or Domestic Use Total (63 m ³ Daily) | Dust Suppression Total (200 m ³ Daily May - Sep) | Cumulative Daily Total (343 m ³ Daily) |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | Geo 1 | Geo 2 | Geo 3 | Orbit 22 | Drilling Total | | | |
| 1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 9.0 | 0 | 0 | 9.0 |
| 2 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 12.4 | 0 | 0 | 12.4 |
| 3 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 5.7 | 0 | 0 | 5.7 |
| 4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0 | 0 | 3.9 |
| 5 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 8.6 | 0 | 0 | 8.6 |
| 6 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 9.1 | 0 | 0 | 9.1 |
| 7 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 | 6.8 |
| 8 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 9.3 | 0 | 0 | 9.3 |
| 9 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 11.0 | 0 | 0 | 11.0 |
| 10 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 7.9 | 0 | 0 | 7.9 |
| 11 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 0 | 0 | 7.6 |
| 12 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0 | 0 | 4.8 |
| 13 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 0 | 0 | 7.7 |
| 14 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 8.3 | 0 | 0 | 8.3 |
| 15 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 10.7 | 14.9 | 0 | 0 | 14.9 |
| 16 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 13.1 | 0 | 0 | 13.1 |
| 17 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 11.2 | 18.9 | 0 | 0 | 18.9 |
| 18 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 7.7 | 0 | 0 | 7.7 |
| 19 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 8.9 | 0 | 0 | 8.9 |
| 20 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 | 7.1 |
| 21 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 | 4.6 |
| 22 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 0 | 0 | 6.4 |
| 23 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 12.6 | 0 | 0 | 12.6 |
| 24 | 7.5 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 13.7 | 0 | 0 | 13.7 |
| 25 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | 6.5 |
| 26 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 | 5.1 |
| 27 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 11.9 | 19.3 | 0 | 0 | 19.3 |
| 28 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 8.5 | 0 | 0 | 8.5 |
| 29 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 11.1 | 0 | 0 | 11.1 |
| 30 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 6.3 | 10.4 | 0 | 0 | 10.4 |
| 31 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 0 | 0 | 5.2 |
| Monthly Total | 76.5 | 65.6 | 35.2 | 108.8 | 286.1 | 0 | 0 | 286.1 |
| Monthly Average | 2.47 | 2.12 | 1.14 | 3.50 | 9.23 | 0 | 0 | 9.23 |
| Monthly Min | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0 | 0 | 3.9 |
| Monthly Max | 7.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 11.9 | 19.3 | 0 | 0 | 19.3 |
| Previous Month Cumulative Total | - | - | - | - | 3692.4 | 1870.0 | 0 | 5562.4 |
| Annual Cumulative Total | - | - | - | - | 3978.5 | 1870.0 | 0 | 5848.5 |

INCIDENT REPORTING

There were no incidents that pertained to the license during the period.

Should there be any questions regarding the monthly report for August 2011, please contact Chris Hanks, VP Environmental Affairs, Hope Bay Mining Limited at phone number 720-917-4489 or email him at Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com

Yours sincerely,

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