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Re: 2AM-DOH0713, 2BB-BOS0712, 2BE-HOP0712 Analyst Approved Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plans

Dear Phyllis,

Please find attached three letters from the Taiga Laboratories' analyst approving the recently submitted Hope Bay Mining Ltd. QA/QC Plans for the Type A Water License 2AM-HOH0713 and the Type B Water Licenses 2BB-BOS0712 and 2BE-HOP0712. Hard copies of these approval letters have been mailed to you by the analyst and should be arriving in the mail shortly.

With the analyst approval of these QA/QC plans, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. will now implement the plans as per the requirements of the licenses.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these letters when received. If you have any questions at all, please contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com

Sincerely yours,

Chris Hanks
Director Environment and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd.