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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File: 2BE-HOP0712

January 23, 2008

By Email and Regular Mail

Attention: Mr. A. Walsh
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Subject: Assignment of Licence 2BE-HOP0712

Dear Mr. Walsh:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB” or “Board”) acknowledges the receipt of an application on November 23, 2007 to transfer Licence 2BE-HOP0712 (“Licence”) from Miramar Northern Mining Limited (previously Miramar Hope Bay Limited) to Hope Bay Mining Limited. This application was deemed to be an application for assignment pursuant to section 44 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”).

The Board gave public notice of the application for assignment inviting interested persons to provide comments. No submissions were received by the NWB.

Pursuant to section 44(1) of the *Act*, the Board is satisfied that the assignment and operation of the appurtenant undertaking by Hope Bay Mining Limited would not be likely to result in a contravention of any condition of the licence or any provision of Part 1 of the *Act* or the regulations. Therefore, in accordance with section 44(2) of the *Act*, the **Board hereby authorizes the assignment of water license 2BE-HOP0712 from:**

the Assignor, Miramar Northern Mining Limited, to

the Assignee, Hope Bay Mining Limited.

effective on the date of this letter, which will be placed in the NWB Public Registry.

All **terms and conditions of this Licence remain in effect**. Sections 85 to 94 of the *Act* provide the provisions for the enforcement of this License. The NWB recommends that Hope Bay Mining Limited contact the Inspector at the Department of Indian and Northern Development District Office in Iqaluit to obtain a copy of any enforcement documents related to this licence.

The Board further advises Hope Bay Mining Limited that immediate action is required to rectify non-compliance with Part H, Item 1 and Part I, Item 1 of the License. Accordingly, the Board requires Hope Bay Mining Limited to submit the revised Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment and Restoration Plan in accordance with these terms and conditions within thirty (30) days of this letter.

Further, the Board confirms it is in receipt of the following plans and reports submitted pursuant to the Licence:

- QA/QC Plan (Part J, Item 11)
- Landfarm Operation and Maintenance Plan (Part E, Item 6)
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan (Part E, Item 5)

Following the completion of the NWB public review process, the Board will advise Hope Bay Mining Limited on the request for revision of the aforementioned plans and reports.

Please contact Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director at exec@nunavutwaterboard.org or 867-360-6338I if you have questions regarding the assignment of the License or this correspondence.

Sincerely,



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A/Chief Executive Officer

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