

April 25, 2013

Mr. Ben Chalmers
Vice President, Sustainable Development
Mining Association of Canada
1105-350 Sparks St.
Ottawa, ON
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Re: CEO Letter of Assurance

Dear Ben,

HudBay Minerals Inc. (Hudbay) has a process in place at its subsidiary Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited (HBMS) to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to our performance relative to MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) performance indicators.

The verification process consisted of an independent review performed by Mr. Robert Duda of Managed Process Consulting Inc. Robert assessed Hudbay's TSM performance indicator results through document review and a site visit.

The verification provides reasonable assurance that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2012 accurately reflect Hudbay's TSM performance.

The requirements of the program have been embedded into the management systems at HBMS. These management systems are certified to the internationally recognized ISO 14001:2004 environmental management system standard and to the OHSAS 18001:2007 occupational health and safety management system specification.

Yours truly,



David Garofalo
President and Chief Executive Officer