



31 March 2016

Ms. Robin Ikkutisluk
Manager of Licencing
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, X0B 1J0

RE: 2BE-MEA1318: Water Licence Amendment 4: Development of Portal/Ramp and Rock Quarry

Dear Ms. Ikkutisluk and Mr. Kharatyan;

Please find attached an amendment application for the development of a portal/ramp and rock quarry at the Amaruq Exploration Project. The activities under this amendment would commence in the latter part of this year and continue until at least the end of 2020. The purpose of the portal/ramp is to allow more intensive exploration of the Amaruq site ore body at deeper depths than is possible from surface drilling alone, and for the collection of a bulk sample. The quarry will provide aggregate for construction at the underground development and elsewhere on the exploration site.

The proposed underground exploration program has been designed to maximize the use of existing Amaruq infrastructure while minimizing environmental effects. In addition to the existing and approved exploration camp infrastructure, a small waste rock storage pad, a storm water storage pond (AP-5), and ramp laydown area with offices, a warehouse, and a garage is proposed to be constructed next to the portal. Two wings are proposed to be added to the present Amaruq camp and sewage treatment capacity increased. Other common services are outlined in the attached Amaruq Ramp Main Application Document and Project Description.

The water requirements for the proposed underground program will be restricted to make-up water for the brine re-circulation system. We are estimated a daily water use of 5 to 7 cubic metres for the underground work although it could be lower with active recycling of brine. Water needs for all activities at the Amaruq Exploration site, including the ramp program, can be met within the present water licence allocation of 299 m³/day. All contact water from ramp area will be directed to the storm water storage pond and will be monitored in accordance with the approved Type B License 2BE-MEA1318 Part D Item 12.

A complete water licence amendment application including NWB forms, questionnaires, updates of relevant environmental management plans and supporting documents are attached for your review.

A cheque for \$30.00 for the amendment application fee is being sent under separate cover to your attention via courier.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in getting touch with me at ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com or 819.651.2974; David Frenette david.frenette@agnico-eagle.com or 819.874.5980; or Stephane Robert stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com or 819.759.3555 (ext.5188) or 819.763.0229

Yours sincerely,



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Cc. Nunavut Planning Commission
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Kivalliq Inuit Association
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John Witteman, Environmental Consultant

Attachment A – NWB Type B Water Licence Amendment Form

Attachment B – Amaruq Ramp Main Application Document and Project Description

Appendices A to C –

1. Knight Piesold Memorandum to Agnico Eagle – Groundwater Inflows to the Exploration Ramp
2. Golder Memorandum to Agnico Eagle - Evaluation of the Geochemical Properties Of Waste Rock from the Underground Ramp, Whale Tail Deposit, Amaruq Mining Project
3. Baseline Water Quality and Sediment Quality Data for Whale Tail Lake taken from Portt and associates, 2014

Attachment C – Concordance Assessment – MM2 SIG for Advanced Exploration

Attachment D – Updated Management Plans

4. Spill Contingency Plan
5. Conceptual Reclamation and Closure Plan