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Reference: Meadowbank Gold Project
Application for a Land Use License for a Winter Road across Third Portage Lake

I am writing to formally request authorization (land use license) from the Kivalliq Inuit Association for the construction and operation of a winter road across Third Portage Lake to facilitate the transport of equipment and materials to the Meadowbank Project site.

The proposed routing of the winter road is shown on the attached Figure 1. The total proposed length of the road would be 9.4 km with 7.4 km of this being across the frozen surface of Third Portage Lake. The road would start at Km 90.7 of the All Weather Private Access Road (AWPAR) between Baker Lake and the Meadowbank Project site. The road would cross approximately 2 km of land to the shore of Third Portage Lake and then cross the lake to the Meadowbank Project site as shown on the attached Figure 1.

The material to be transported across this ice road is primarily construction materials including the following:

- Wood for construction, steel re-bar, support steel for construction;
- The trailer units and arctic winter corridor construction materials for the proposed accommodation camp to be constructed for the Meadowbank Project;
- The modular sewage treatment plant for the camp;
- Furnishings for the camp;
- The two diesel powered generators to be used to supply electrical power during the construction period;
- The cement batch plant;
- Bulk bags of ammonium nitrate for production of ANFO for quarry blasting (~ 20 tonnes);
- Bulk bags of cement for making concrete;

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- Diesel Fuel (~ 400,000 litres);
- Groceries for the Meadowbank site;
- People.

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. will not use this ice road to move the mining equipment from Baker Lake to the Meadowbank Project site due to the heavy weight of this equipment. This includes the mining trucks, large front end loaders, etc.

We estimate that this ice road will be used for approximately three months (mid to late December thru mid to late March).

The material will be stored on site as follows:

- Fuel will be transferred and stored in the existing 50,000 litres double walled fuel storage tanks located in the existing Meadowbank site fuel storage area located near the airstrip as shown on the attached Figure 2;
- The camp trailers, the arctic corridor and other camp construction materials will be stored in the area of the permanent camp area as shown on the attached Figure 2;
- All other materials and equipment will be stored on the contractors lay down area as shown on the attached Figure 2.

Initially Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. had intended that all of this material would have been transported to the Meadowbank Project site over the all weather private access road (AWPAR). This road should have been completed all the way to the Meadowbank Project site by now however construction performance by our road building contractor has been well below expectations and thus the road is still approximately 15 km short of the project site; consequently our request for authorization to transport this material across Third Portage Lake. We apologize for the short notice but we had hoped for better progress on the AWPAR.

I have made contact with David Ningeongan of the Water Resources Division of INAC and he indicated that INAC do not give permits for winter roads on lakes on Inuit Owned Land such as in this case.

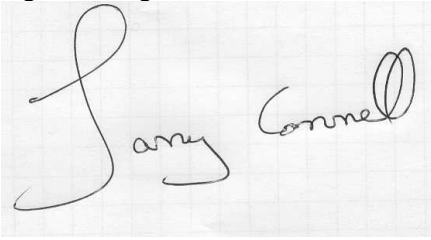
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., with assistance from NUNA Logistics, has prepared operational procedures for the operation of the AWPAR and for operations across the winter ice road. I have attached copies of the following documents to this letter:

- Draft All Weather Private Access Road Operating Procedures
- Draft Ice Road Operating Procedures
- NUNA Winter Road Orientation Guide
- NUNA Winter Road Supervisor's Manual

It is Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. intent to use these orientation and operational guides for the preparation and operation of this proposed winter ice road across Third Portage Lake.

Please feel free to call on the undersigned at your convenience to discuss further any of the issues raised through this letter.

Regards,
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue grid background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Larry Connell".

Larry Connell, P.Eng.
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Attachments:

Figure 1 Winter Road Trail across Third Portage Lake
Figure 2 Drawing 600-C-0102 Plantsite Infrastructure Process Plant Site Plan
Draft All Weather Private Access Road Operating Procedures
Draft Ice Road Operating Procedures
NUNA Winter Road Orientation Guide
NUNA Winter Road Supervisor's Manual

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