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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 2AM-MEA----
8BC-TEH0708
2BE-MEA0813

To: Parties who have provided comments and Applicant

cc: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: Use of Evidence from Meadowbank Public Hearing in support of Type B Applications

Date: May 20, 2008

Dear Parties and AEM,

The NWB received on March 5, 2008 an application to renew and amend water licence 8BC-TEH0708 (Type B Application) issued to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) to allow for pre-development work in advance of a final decision by the Board and Minister on the New Water Licence for mine development 2AM-MEA---- (Type A Application). The Type A application is currently under review for a decision as it was the subject of a public hearing held in Baker Lake on April 15-16, 2008.

The Type B Application was distributed to parties for comment on March 20, 2008 with a closing date for comments extended to April 22, 2008. Comments were received from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment, Environment Canada, and Indian and Northern Affairs. All comments are available on the ftp site at the following link <http://nunavutwaterboard.org/8BC-CONSTRUCTION/8BC-TEH>. The NWB has reviewed the comments and identified a number of gaps in the information provided in the Type B Application. Further the NWB has identified that the information gaps are addressed in the public record for the Type A Application.

Accordingly, the Board has identified two options for proceeding with the review of the Type B Application. The first option is to request that AEM respond directly to the comments provided by the parties on the Type B Application. The second option is for the Board, with the consent of the parties, to refer to and use where appropriate the public record evidence for the Type A Application currently before the Board.

The Board is seeking the views of the AEM and the commenting parties to assess under which option to proceed. These views should be provided no later than May 23, 2008 at 3:00 pm (MST) to Manager of Licensing, licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact me at exec@nunavutwaterboard.org

Regards,

Original signed by:

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