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Dear Richard Dwyer:

RE: 2AM-DOH1335 – Agnico Eagle Mines – Hope Bay Mine – Type A Water Licence Amendment Final Written Submission

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above-mentioned Water Licence Amendment.

ECCC provides expert information and knowledge to project assessments on subjects within the department's mandate and within federal jurisdiction, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, air quality, water quality and quantity, migratory birds, species at risk, environmental emergencies preparedness and response, and climate and meteorology. This work includes reviewing proponent's characterization of environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures, and providing information and knowledge to decision makers on activities needed to mitigate these environmental effects within federal jurisdiction. Any comments received from ECCC in this context does not relieve the Proponent of its obligations to respect all applicable federal legislation.

ECCC has participated in all stages of review for the Project and provided twelve Information Requests (IRs) for topics including sewage effluent, effluent quality predictions and application of Federal Environmental Quality Guidelines (FEQGs). The Proponent's responses to the IRs addressed the issues raised by ECCC at that stage of the assessment.

During the technical review phase, ECCC provided ten comments on topics surrounding water quality, air quality, and environmental emergencies management. The key environmental impacts pertained to dust-related impacts to water quality, the application of the Aquatics Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP), and sewage discharge.

On July 3, 2026, Agnico Eagle Mines ('the Proponent') provided responses that resolved or partially resolved eight of ten ECCC technical comments. During the technical session in Cambridge Bay July 15 to 16, the remaining partially resolved ECCC comments pertaining to

Water Quality were addressed through three commitments from the Proponent (WLA -03, 04, and 06). WLA -03, 04 and 06 committed the Proponent to review and evaluate the newest versions of FEQG and CCME guidelines and to update the appropriate plans with any required changes. The remaining partially resolved comments were fully resolved through discussions and commitments (WLA -05, 07, 08, 09) during the technical session.

During the technical session, ECCC TC #3, regarding AEMP benchmarks, was resolved by two commitments from the Proponent (WLA -03 and 04) which aligned with ECCC's recommendations. The final outstanding technical comment, ECCC TC #5 regarding Updates to Water Licence and Water Management Location and Monitoring, was resolved by ECCC review of the Draft Licence in Aug 2026.

ECCC therefore considers all its outstanding technical comments to be resolved.

If you need more information, please contact Russell Wykes at (867) 446-1263 or Russell.Wykes@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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