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February 28, 2024

Robert Hunter
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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Reply to the Response of the Review of the Licence Updated Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan and the Updated Closure Security for the Hope Bay Project, Type A and B Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335, 2AM-BOS1835, 2BB-BOS1727 and 2BB-MAE1727

Dear Robert,

Thank you for the February 22, 2024 invitation to review the referenced licence updated interim closure and reclamation plan and the updated closure security, submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico), for Type A and B Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335 and 2BB-MAE1727.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*.

CIRNAC notes that Agnico did not answer or address comments in the attached Technical Memorandum previously submitted on February 7, 2024. As per conversations with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and Agnico, CIRNAC is of the opinion that we have sufficiently addressed securities for the duration of care and maintenance or until such time that it is required again by the water licence.

We look to the NWB to provide guidance and the timeline on future submissions from our comments to the NWB.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3877 or Joyce.Demers@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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