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**RE: Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 Type A, Doris-Madrid Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Design Report for Doris Airstrip Extension – Surface Water Transfer Point**

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Dear Ms. Range:

On April 24, 2026, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received a Design Report and drawings, from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) for the construction of a surface water management sump. This notification is required under Part D, Item 1 of the Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH1335.

Agnico Eagle have stated that they intend to construct a surface water management sump to manage surface water runoff on the east side of the airstrip, where ponding against the airstrip typically occurs following periods of high runoff rates, and could result in permafrost degradation below the airstrip. These surface water management improvements are part of the airstrip extension.

The construction activities will occur while the permafrost active layer is frozen and prior to freshet, in order to limit constructability challenges. Exposed or disturbed permafrost overburden remaining after construction shall be minimized and covered by a minimum of 0.5 m of ROQ fill (thermal protection) to the extent of tundra disturbance. Maintenance will be completed as necessary following construction. All surface runoff for the duration of construction will be managed according to Part D, Item 9 of the Water Licence.

On April 24, 2026, the NWB distributed the Design Report and drawings for a public review, parties were invited to submit comments by May 15, 2026. Submissions were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). KIA and DFO in their submissions, received on May 8 and May 11, 2026 respectively, stated that they had no comments at this time.

Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA’s information requests on June 1, 2026. CIRNA confirmed on June 8, 2026, that their concerns were addressed by Agnico Eagle’s responses.

Following is a summary of the comments/questions and Licensee’s responses.

CIRNA comment/question:

1. CIRNA requested that Agnico explain how contact water from de-icing airport activities is kept separate from the airstrip surface water transfer point.

Agnico Eagle’s response: Agnico Eagle stated that “*the water transfer point is located outside the natural drainage area associated with the de-icing apron; therefore, under typical conditions, runoff from that area does not report to the transfer point. Even under extreme storm conditions, any potential migration would depend on a prior loss of containment, which is managed through existing operational controls.*”

2. CIRNA requested that Agnico Eagle specify the discharge point for active pumping and the erosion prevention measures at the discharge point.

Agnico Eagle’s response: Agnico Eagle stated that “*the design drawings (62-132-230-002 of the Design Report submission) identifies the discharge route, with water pumped northward from the Surface Water Transfer Point. Erosion protection will be provided via a 3.0 m by 3.0 m splash pad constructed of coarse quarry material (0.5 m thick). The outlet will discharge directly onto the pad and be secured in place, with final positioning adjusted in the field as needed to minimize erosion potential.*”

3. CIRNA requested that Agnico Eagle provide a snow removal plan for the Doris Airstrip Extension.

Agnico Eagle’s response: Agnico Eagle stated that “*Snow removal at the airstrip extension will follow established site practices. Snow will be cleared from the airstrip surface and preferentially stockpiled west of the runway. Where this is not feasible, snow may be placed to the east, north of Station 0+150. Snow pile placement will continue to consider drainage and avoid contributing to ponding during spring freshet. Please note that additional detail is provided in response to CIRNAC-1.*”

Copies of all documents received in support of the Notice of Construction can be accessed through the NWB’s Public Registry and FTP site using the following Link:

[NWB public registry link to Design Report for Surface Water Transfer Point](#)

NWB’s Review and Decision

The NWB, having fully reviewed the Licensee’s request in the context of potential impact of the proposed activities on the freshwater environment, and consistency of the proposed activity in

relation to the scope of the Licence, determined that the proposed construction is consistent with the scope of activities considered under the Licence issued to the Project. Therefore, by way of this correspondence, the Board authorizes Agnico Eagle to undertake the construction of Surface Water Transfer Point at the Doris Airstrip.

Further, in keeping with Part D, Item 11 of the Licence's terms and conditions, the submission of post-construction information, including as-built plans and drawings, shall remain applicable to this authorization. The Board also advises that a Construction Summary Report should be provided as per Licence terms and conditions.

The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, and may proceed in accordance with the design specifics and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the notice of construction and accompanying documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,



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