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RE: Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 Type A, Doris-Madrid Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Design Report for the Emulsion Plant

Dear Ms. Range:

On October 7, 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 the Emulsion Plant. 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 an Emulsion Plant at the Hope Bay Mine site. This includes the Emulsion Plant (building), emulsion tank, garage, containerized E-room, 50,000 L fuel tank, operator trailer and wash car facility. The site will include a secondary containment system for the fuel tank.

The report states that *"The secondary containment system has been sized to ensure adequate storage capacity in the event of a leak or tank failure, while maintaining sufficient freeboard to accommodate precipitation, snow accumulation, and operational safety considerations.*

The Emulsion Plant pad will be constructed with an impermeable geomembrane liner installed between upper and lower geotextile protection layers. The liner system will be buried beneath a 300 mm layer of 0–38 mm crushed gravel. This configuration provides environmental protection by preventing the migration of contaminants into the foundation materials and underlying native ground while maintaining a stable operational surface.

The diesel fuel tank incorporates a double-wall design and a secondary containment system to mitigate environmental risks associated with potential fuel leaks. Any spills or leakages will be contained within the retention basin, while the containment area and the Emulsion Plant platform will be sealed with an impermeable geomembrane liner system."

Construction activities are scheduled to commence in Q4 2026 and complete by the end of Q4 2027. All materials used for earthworks will be free from acid generation/metal leaching potential (i.e. non-PAG).

On October 7, 2026, the NWB distributed the Design Report and drawings for a public review, parties were invited to provide their submissions by October 29, 2026. Submissions were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA).

KIA in their submission, received on November 2, 2026, stated that they had no concerns at this time.

Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA's submission on November 5, 2026. On November 9, 2026, CIRNA confirmed that their concerns were addressed by Agnico Eagle's responses.

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

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), October 29, 2026

1. CIRNA recommended that Agnico Eagle clarify the rationale for the proposed five-year monitoring period and describe any plans, contingencies, performance criteria, or adaptive management measures that would be implemented should thermal monitoring indicate permafrost degradation.

   Agnico Eagle's response: "*The five-year monitoring period corresponds to the monitoring hardware and satellite data subscription included in the Thermosyphon supplier's contract. Upon completion of the initial five-year period, Agnico Eagle will continue thermal performance monitoring for the life of the infrastructure; however, this may be achieved either through renewal of the satellite monitoring subscription service or through local data retrieval from the data logger via Bluetooth. Monitoring beyond the initial five-year period is not included in the current Thermosyphon supplier scope.*

   In addition, routine inspections will continue throughout the life of the mine. Should any signs of settlement, erosion, or other performance concerns be identified, appropriate mitigation and adaptive management measures will be implemented to maintain the structural integrity."

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 the Emulsion Plant

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 the Emulsion Plant.

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 or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD



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