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via email at: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Richard Dwyer
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Dear Richard Dwyer:

RE: 2AM-DOH1335 – Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Hope Bay Project – Airstrip Expansion Modification AEM Response to Comments

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

ECCC is providing technical, science-based information and knowledge based on our mandate pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* and the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. These comments are intended to inform the assessment of this project's potential effects in the receiving environment and on valued ecosystem components. Any comments received from ECCC in this context does not relieve the proponent of its obligations to respect all applicable federal legislation.

The following comments are provided:

1. Airstrip Construction Material

Reference(s)

- Water License 2AM-DOH1335 – Notice of Modification – Expansion of Airstrip at Doris
- 2AM-DOH1335 Airstrip Expansion Modification AEM Response to Comments

Comment

Part of the response to ECCC-1 states that “only geochemically suitable rock from Hope Bay quarries will be used as construction material.” Based on this statement, it is unclear to ECCC if only non-potential acid generating rocks will be used for this construction, or if



potential acid generating (PAG) rock that is deemed geochemically suitable will be used for this construction.

ECCC Recommendation(s)

ECCC recommends that PAG rocks are not used for the extension construction.

If you need more information, please contact Stephinie Mallon at Stephinie.Mallon@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

Stephinie Mallon
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cc: Jody Small, Acting Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)