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Re: Agnico Response to ECCC Comments regarding Water License 2AM-DOH1335 – Notice of Modification – Expansion of Airstrip at Doris

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico) is providing this letter in response to comments received from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) on September 15, 2022. Agnico's response is detailed below:

1. ECCC-1: Airstrip Construction Material

Reference:

- 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.

Agnico Response to ECCC-1:

As per the Hope Bay Quarry Management Plan, approved Hope Bay quarries are considered to have a low potential for ARD generation based on NP/AP ratios and low sulphur content. Accordingly, PAG material will not be used in the construction of the extension.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at
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Sincerely,



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