

## AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LTD. Meadowbank Division

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Reference: 2AM-MEA – Meadowbank Gold Project Water License Application

**Supplementary Information** 

I am writing in follow up to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Type A Water License Application submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in early September of 2007. The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification and/or supplementary information on several small items raised during the ongoing conformity review by several of the reviewing parties:

1. Fuel Storage Facilities at the Meadowbank Project Site

The permanent fuel storage facilities for approximately 5 million litres of diesel fuel at the Meadowbank Project site along with the airstrip were previously the subject of an amendment to Water License 2BB-MEA0507 that took effect July 20, 2006. Consequently these items were not included in the Type A Water License Application submitted in early September 2007. AEM were of the understanding that the items covered under this Type B Water License would be incorporated into the Type A Water License if so approved by the NWB and INAC Minister.

2. The Airstrip at the Meadowbank Project Site

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. has no plan to expand the current airstrip at the Meadowbank Project site. The current construction work plan has the airstrip being built up during to 2008/2009 construction period but not lengthened. Lengthening of the airstrip is under consideration but may not be possible at its current location and as such is not a part of the current Type A Water License application process.

3. Hazardous Materials Storage Facility at the Meadowbank Site

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. plans to construct a facility at the Meadowbank Project site for the short term storage of hazardous materials pending their shipment off site for disposal or recycling at an appropriate licensed facility most likely in the south. No engineering design has been completed for such a facility. Typically at mine sites across Canada these types of facilities are constructed by site personnel and do not require detailed engineering designs. The Meadowbank facility will consist of an HDPE lined bermed area sized to accommodate two 20 foot long sea containers and approximately 100 x 200 litre capacity drums on pallets. The liner will be protected by a layer of crushed fine rock to allow for equipment (forklift and loader to move materials into and out of the facility over a ramp constructed over top of the berm. Typically this facility will be used to temporarily store hazardous wastes such as old vehicle batteries, drums of waste solvent, antifreeze, hydraulic fluids, grease and engine oils pending their shipment south. Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. will apply for a waste generator number from the GN DoE to allow for shipment of such waste materials to an appropriate disposal/recycling facility. Where possible waste engine oil will be consumed on site to recover heat through a purpose designed waste oil burner likely installed in the maintenance shop.

4. Application to Transport Canada for Approvals Under the Navigable Waters Protection Act

On September 25, 2007 Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. submitted an application to Transport Canada, Navigable Waters Protection Division for approval of the various components of the Meadowbank Project under the Navigable Waters Protection Act. Transport Canada responded on October 26<sup>th</sup> and requested submission of separate applications on their form for the East Dike, the Central Dike and the Portage/Goose Island Dike. These applications are currently under preparation.

Please feel free to call on the undersigned at your convenience to discuss further any of the issues raised through this letter.

Regards,

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