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RE: THIRD PARTY REVIEW OF MEADOWBANK PROJECT, NU

Dear Mr. Cassie:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") is in receipt of your letter, dated January 3, 2008 with respect to the detailed background of BGC's previous involvement in the Project through Cumberland Resources and the proposal to carry out a Third-Party review of selected aspects of the Meadowbank Project, NU, Application For A Water Licence submitted to the NWB by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

This letter is to confirm the NWB's interest in having BGC participate in the review of, at a minimum, the geotechnical and permafrost aspects related to the tailings dam designs, dikes and dams within lakes and the open pit design. One member of the BGC team should also be familiar with the main application document to better understand the project as a whole and to enable discussion on the project through the technical phase and into the public hearing. The NWB also is seeking review work with respect to ARD aspects of the project and overall water quality evaluation of the project (ARD/ML Sampling and Testing Plan, Water Quality and Flow Monitoring, Water Quality Predictions, Proposed Water Quality Predictions for the Portage and Vault Attenuation Ponds, Assessment of Effluent Dilution Potential for third Portage Lake Diffuser, Water Treatment Methods and Brackish Water Upwelling Predictions) however, I am unsure as to whether BGC has the expertise in-house to be in a position to provide further review in these areas.

I have taken the opportunity to put together a table of the documents that are on currently on file and are available on the NWB ftp site. You may also wish to go through the file listing (previously sent and available on the NWB ftp site) and possibly identify other documents, or additional areas where BGC may be of assistance in the review.

I truly appreciate the time and effort you have given over the last week to work towards finalizing your participation in this project review and look forward to meeting the BGC team you have identified and discussing the pertinent aspects of the project with them.

If you have any questions or require any additional information pertaining to the review, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I will be seeking to obtain a Requisition/purchase order for the services provided by BGC once the final hearing budget has been approved by the Board. This is expected to be finalized within the next week. In the meantime, the NWB would like to provide authorization through receipt of this letter for BGC to commence the review. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes to provide confirmation of your availability.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hohnstein', written in a cursive style.

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