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December 15, 2008

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Autut,

Thank you for the copy of Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) letter of December 9, 2008, to the Nunavut Planning Commission, regarding the NIRB's decision to reconsider Condition 32 of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004.

In response to the matter of relevancy to authorizations that have been issued, the Nunavut Water Board notes that the water licence 2AM-MEA0815 issued for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project defines the subject road as a private access road and refers to it as such in the body of the licence. While the NWB awaits the receipt of the NIRB's decision in this matter and any related to revisions to the Project Certificate, the NWB technical staff will undertake a review of the licence to assess the relevancy of a change from a private access road to a public road to the licence.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dionne Filiatrault".

Dionne Filiatrault
Executive Director
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cc: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Larry Connell, Regional Manager
Meadowbank Distribution List
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