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Via Email

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Dear Ms. Autut,

Re: Meadowbank Project Certificate No.004 – Baker Lake Marshalling Facility Proposed Expansion

For your review, please find attached a project proposal for the expansion of the fuel tank farm at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility. The expansion will increase the fuel storage capacity of the fuel tank farm from 40 ML to 60 ML and will allow for storage of 2 ML of Jet A fuel. Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division (AEM) seeks the advice of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on whether or not an amendment to Project Certificate No.004 may be required.

To provide additional information, AEM has reviewed the related conditions of Project Certificate No.004 and has addressed them below:

Condition 27: Cumberland shall ensure that the areas used to store fuel or hazardous materials are contained using safe, environmentally protective methods based on practical, best engineering practices.

The areas used for the additional fuel tanks will be constructed and contained using the same protective methods and best practices employed for the first phase of the fuel tank farm construction.

Condition 42: Cumberland shall ensure all fuel transfer operations take place in accordance with the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act and relevant oil transfer guidelines.

The fuel transfer procedures currently in place will also apply to the new fuel tanks. These procedures are in accordance with pertinent regulations and guidelines.

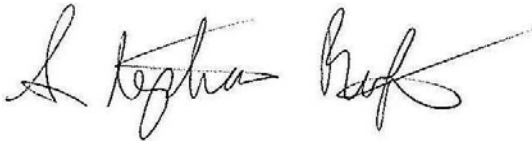
The proposed construction schedule for the expansion is over the 2009 and 2010 summer / fall seasons. An amendment request to include the additional land area into the lease boundary located on Commissioner's Land has recently been submitted to the Government of Nunavut. This will allow for ground preparation work to begin in the late summer or fall of 2009.

Construction of the additional tanks is proposed for 2010 following any required review or amendment by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, Nunavut Water Board and Nunavut Planning Commission.

It is AEM's opinion that while the proposed increase in fuel storage capacity at the Meadowbank Baker Lake facility represents a change from the Project as reviewed during the NIRB environmental assessment process, this change is not significant and will not change the environmental impact of the Meadowbank Project in any significant manner.

Should you have any questions or require more information please contact me directly at stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com.

Regards,
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