



NIRB File No.: 03MN107

NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA0815

AANDC File No.: 5510-5-3

DFO File No.: NU-03-0191

EC File No.: 4703 001 015 120

NRCan File No.: F74222

August 2, 2013

David Hohnstein
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Sent via email: dts@nunavutwaterboard.org

Re: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Application to Amend Type A Water Licence for the Meadowbank Gold Project

Dear Mr. Hohnstein:

On April 23, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) advising of its intention to apply with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for an amendment to its Type A Water Licence (2AM-MEA0815) for the Meadowbank Gold Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107). On July 15, 2013 the NIRB received correspondence from the NWB which acknowledged AEM's amendment application and requested that the NIRB confirm whether any screening, reconsideration or review of the proposed amendment would be required.

As you are aware, the NIRB Project Certificate [004] issued December 31, 2006 is the product of the Board's extensive public review process which provided opportunities for public input through written submissions and participation in a Public Hearing. Prior to providing the NWB with any confirmation, the Board must determine whether or not the proposed amendment is within the scope of the Meadowbank Gold Project as previously reviewed by the Board and as addressed within the NIRB Project Certificate [004] *or* whether the proposal represents a significant change to the project as reviewed and would require subsequent assessment and/or potential reconsideration of the NIRB Project Certificate pursuant to Section 12.8.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

Pursuant to the sections 12.10.1 and 13.5.4 of the NLCA the NIRB recognizes that the NWB is unable to issue an amended licence for this project until such time as the requirements of Article 12 have been satisfied. Please be advised that the NIRB anticipates moving forward with its consideration of the amendment application in the coming days and will copy you on all related correspondence.

Should you have any questions or require clarification related to the NIRB's monitoring program for the Meadowbank Gold Project, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Senior Technical Advisor and Monitoring Officer at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Amanda Hanson
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Stéphane Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.
Kevin Buck, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.
Meadowbank Distribution List