

NIRB File No.: 03MN107 NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA1525

November 30, 2018

Meadowbank Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: <u>Draft Project Certificate for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project</u>

Dear Parties:

On November 28, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed correspondence in response to the Board's August 31, 2018 Reconsideration Report and Recommendations¹ regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification for the Meadowbank Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 03MN107). Collectively, the responsible ministers with regulatory jurisdiction over the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (Responsible Ministers) and with authority for responding to the Board's Reconsideration Report and Recommendations include: the Minister of Intergovernmental, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade; the Minister of Transport; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Minister of Natural Resources; and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Responsible Ministers have accepted the Board's recommendation that the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification can proceed with specific updates to the commentary of Terms and Conditions within Project Certificate No. 004. In response to the Board's summary of issues to be addressed through the permitting stage, the Responsible Ministers have also provided an additional Term and Condition to be incorporated into the Project Certificate. Consequently, the NIRB will update Project Certificate No. 004 within 30 days to incorporate the additional commentary and the new term and condition approved by the Responsible Ministers.

All materials related to the NIRB's assessment of the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification and the monitoring program for the Meadowbank Gold Mine can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253.

Recognizing these limited updates which have been incorporated into the enclosed *Draft* Project Certificate No. 004 Amendment 3, a Project Certificate workshop has not been scheduled for this file. However, prior to finalizing the enclosed *Draft* Project Certificate, the NIRB is providing a final opportunity for interested parties to identify any items where further clarification might be required to

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¹ Public Registry ID: 319637

ensure the effective implementation of the Project Certificate Terms and Conditions and associated reporting requirements moving forward.

Please direct all comment submissions to the NIRB via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via email at info@nirb.ca on or before **December 7, 2018**.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the NIRB's assessment of the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification, please contact Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I, directly by email at ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barry

Executive Director

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.

Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd. Manon Turmel, Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd. Stephanie Autut, Nunavut Water Board Karén Kharatyan - Nunavut Water Board

Enclosed: 181128-03MN107-Minister Response to NIRB Reconsideration Report-IEDE (Public Registry ID: 321214)

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