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Project Certificate No. 004, Amendment No. 3

Nunavut Impact Review Board Issues Amendment No. 3 to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004 for the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification Project

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – December 21, 2018: Following the completion of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) assessment of the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" proposal related to the previously approved Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107) and as approved by the Responsible Ministers in their November 27, 2018 correspondence, the NIRB has issued amended Project Certificate No. 004 to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited.

Amendment No. 3 includes: additional commentary on the Board's intended application of previously approved terms and conditions #9, #19, and #20 to the works or activities associated with the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification; incorporates a new term and condition #87 as directed by the Responsible Ministers in their November 27, 2018 correspondence; and supports implementation of the terms and conditions based on parties' written submissions following receipt of the Ministers' response. The Board notes that the new term and condition #87, as provided by the Responsible Ministers, was a response to items noted by the Board in its Reconsideration Report and Recommendations identifying the need for updated site hydrogeological modeling to support the subsequent Nunavut Water Board permitting process by verification of containment of the tailings from the surrounding lakes, and informing site water treatment, closure, and reclamation planning.

The NIRB will remain in contact with regulators to support the subsequent permitting process associated with the activities and components related to the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification proposal and will continue to work with Agnico Eagle Mines Limited to monitor the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project in accordance with Part 7 of Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), according to the requirements of the amended Project Certificate.

Documentation relevant to Project Certificate No. 004 (including Amendment No. 3) and Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification proposal is available online from the Board's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253.

Sincerely,

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