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Ministère de l'Environnement

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Richard Dwyer
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via E-mail to: licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org

**RE: FINAL INTERVENTION FOR TYPE A WATER LICENSE –
MEADOWBANK GOLD MINE PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (GN-DOE) thanks Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to provide a written intervention (attached) for the Public Hearing on Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Type A water license application for the Meadowbank gold mine project. GN-DOE's review has focused on those aspects of the license application which fall within our mandate under the *Environmental Protection Act* and associated regulations.

During this licensing review process and the NIRB review that preceded it, GN-DOE identified a number of issues with the potential for contamination of the environment. However, we believe AEM has provided us with sufficient information and assurance to address our substantive concerns. Our intervention identifies only minor issues that need to be addressed along with some recommended license terms and conditions. It is GN-DOE's intention to present this information to NWB at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 15 to 17 of 2008 in Baker Lake.

The attached document also provides an executive summary in Inuktitut as requested by NWB in their March 5, 2008 letter to parties.

Once again GN-DOE thanks NWB for the opportunity to comment on AEM's water license application.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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