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**Re: NWB File No. 2AM MEA1526- Modification Request : Technical Review of the Modification Proposal.**

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Agnico Eagle thanks the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Crown and Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), and Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) for the opportunity to address the Technical Review comments and recommendations as part of the review of the In-pit Tailings Modification Request.

As requested, please find attached responses which are intended to address the Technical Review submissions and recommendations for the NWB 2AM MEA1526 Modification Request. Agnico Eagle has agreed with most recommendations made by interveners, and on the few items where Agnico Eagle has disagreed, it has provided its detailed rationale for the NWB's consideration. As noted in our responses, Agnico Eagle will continue to work with interveners; attached to our final submission is an updated hydrogeological model (Version 2 – SNC, 2018) that has been provided to NWB to address the recommendations from NRCAN and CIRNAC.

Agnico Eagle will continue to work with interveners in the regulatory phase of the project and based on technical comments to date agree with the NWB “that it is appropriate for the Board to continue considering the Modification Request as a ‘modification’ under the License and the Board does not agree that the Modification Proposal would require an amendment to the License” (NWB letter dated July 20, 2018). Agnico Eagle wishes to highlight that it has attached to this final submission an updated hydrogeological model (Version 2 – SNC, 2018) that has been provided to address the recommendations from NRCAN and CIRNAC. In light of certain comments from NRCAN, Agnico Eagle has committed to providing a further updated hydrogeological model (Version 3) to the NWB in [September 2018] for consideration as part of the NWB's modification process. Agnico Eagle will meet with NRCAN in mid September 2018 to discuss Version 3 of the model. These results will also inform updates to the following NWB required management plans:

- Water Management Report and Plan;
- Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan; and
- Ground Water Monitoring Plan.

These plans will be updated and provided to NWB with the final infrastructure designs required pursuant to Type A Water Licence 2AM MEA1526 Part B Item 14, 60 days following approval of the modification. Any future modelling will be reported in Agnico Eagle's NWB annual report, and as set out

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in detail in the attached submissions. Agnico Eagle has committed that certain recommendations from interveners will be reviewed and integrated into future monitoring and management plans.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned or Michel Groleau at [Michel.groleau@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:Michel.groleau@agnicoeagle.com)

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