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DFO File: 08-HCAA-CA7-00039

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Dear Ms. Gould:

Subject: Section 30 Approval - Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the application and supporting documents for the freshwater intake screen at the Exploration Camp, proposed by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited Meadowbank Division (the "Proponent"), dated October 28, 2008. Please refer to the file number and title below:

DFO File No.: **08-HCAA-CA7-00039**
Title: **Freshwater Intake Screen, Meadowbank Gold Mine -
Exploration Camp, Third Portage Lake, Kivalliq Region**

DFO's review is based upon our departmental mandate under the *Fisheries Act*; specifically the management and protection of fish and their habitat. DFO's primary focus in reviewing proposed developments in and around fisheries waters is to ensure that the works and undertakings are conducted in such a way that a Proponent is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

It is our understanding that your proposal consists of:

- Installing a freshwater intake at the Meadowbank Exploration Camp, 65 kilometres north of Baker Lake, in Third Portage Lake, approximately 33 meters from the shore (UTM Zone 14, 634069E, 7214925N) in approximately 4 meters of water with the intake pump suspended in the water column at a depth of 2 meters.
- The intake screen has a slot opening width of 2.25 mm and a minimum effective screen area of 0.009 m² (screen height and diameter of 45 and 65 mm, respectively). Screen size is based on the DFO Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe

Fish Screen Guideline for protection of subcarangiform fish species to a minimum fork length of 25 mm based on a maximum water withdrawal rate of 0.3155 L/s.

as outlined in the following plan:

- Meadowbank Gold Project – Application for Water Intake Pipe Authorization for the Exploration Camp

Provided that your plans are implemented as described, DFO has concluded that your proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat. Therefore, the intake screen as described herein is hereby approved under the authority of paragraph 30(1)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. F. 14.

Please notify this office at least 10 days before starting the work. A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress.

This letter does not permit the deposit of a deleterious substance (section 36 of the *Fisheries Act*) into waters frequented by fish nor does it permit the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat (section 35 of the *Fisheries Act*). It is the Proponent's responsibility to obtain any other federal, territorial, or municipal approvals.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Gary Cooper directly by telephone at (867) 979-8011, by fax at (867) 979-8039 or by email at Gary.Cooper@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Gould:

Subject: Section 30 Approval - Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the application and supporting documents for the freshwater intake screen for the Mining Operations location, proposed by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited Meadowbank Division (the "Proponent"), dated October 28, 2008. Please refer to the file number and title below:

DFO File No.: **08-HCAA-CA7-00040**
Title: **Freshwater Intake Screen, Meadowbank Gold Mine - Operations, Third Portage Lake, Kivalliq Region**

DFO's review is based upon our departmental mandate under the *Fisheries Act*; specifically the management and protection of fish and their habitat. DFO's primary focus in reviewing proposed developments in and around fisheries waters is to ensure that the works and undertakings are conducted in such a way that a Proponent is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

It is our understanding that your proposal consists of:

- Installing a freshwater intake at the Meadowbank Mine site, 70 kilometres north of Baker Lake, in Third Portage Lake, approximately 43 meters from the shore in approximately 5.6 meters of water with the pump suspended in the water column at a depth of 2.7 meters.
- The intake screen has a slot opening width of 2.0 mm and a minimum effective screen area of 0.037 m² (screen height and diameter of 292 and 40 mm, respectively). Screen size is based on the DFO Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe

Fish Screen Guideline for protection of subcarangiform fish species to a minimum fork length of 25 mm based on a maximum water withdrawal rate of 2.0 L/s.

as outlined in the following plan:

- Meadowbank Gold Project – Application for Water Intake Pipe Authorization for the Mining Operations

Provided that your plans are implemented as described, DFO has concluded that your proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat. Therefore, the intake screen as described herein is hereby approved under the authority of paragraph 30(1)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. F. 14.

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