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NIRB File: 03MN107
NIRB Project Certificate No. 004

March 2, 2009

Rachel Gould
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. - Meadowbank Division
#375 - 555 Burrard Street
Two Bentall Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
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Dear Ms. Gould:

SUBJECT: Authorization for the destruction of fish by means other than fishing pursuant to subsection 32 of the *Fisheries Act*

The destruction of fish by means other than fishing arising from dewatering the northwest arm of Second Portage Lake for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project in Nunavut is hereby authorized pursuant to subsection 32 of the *Fisheries Act*.

The environmental impacts of this undertaking have been reviewed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (Article 12) in 2006. This review concluded that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects if the mitigation measures specified are implemented. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) issued a Project Certificate (No. 004) for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project on December 30, 2006 with terms and conditions for the Proponent to follow and fulfill. Project Certificate condition numbers 3 and 49 relate to this authorization.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions specified on the attached Authorization may result in a contravention of section 32 of the *Fisheries Act*.

NOTE: None of the foregoing should be taken to imply Authorization of this undertaking in accordance with any section of the *Fisheries Act* other than section 32. Also note that Authorization under the *Fisheries Act* does not release the proponent from the requirements of any other federal, territorial or municipal legislation.

Please contact Amy Liu at (905) 639-8236 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Eric Kan
Area Director
Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Eastern Arctic Area

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Attachment: *Fisheries Act* section 32 Authorization

Copy Leslie Payette - Nunavut Impact Review Board
Phyllis Beaulieu - Nunavut Water Board
Julie Dahl - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Gary Cooper - Fisheries and Oceans Canada



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Authorization No.:

AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY FISH BY OTHER MEANS THAN FISHING

Authorization issued to:

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.
Meadowbank Division
#375 - 555 Burrard Street
Two Bentall Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
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Location of Project

The project is located in the northwest arm of Second Portage Lake. The lake is part of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project which is located 80 kilometres north of the town of Baker Lake in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut, Canada.
Latitude 65°1'39.29" North and Longitude 96°3'43" West

Valid Authorization Period

The valid authorization period for killing fish by other means than fishing associated with the work or undertaking is:

From	To
Date of Issuance	December 31, 2010

Description of Works or Undertakings (Type of work, schedule, etc.)

The killing of fish by other means than fishing is hereby authorized for the remaining fish in the northwest arm of Second Portage Lake which is enclosed by the East Dike located at the southeast end of the arm. The northwest arm of Second Portage Lake is proposed to be dewatered commencing on March 2009 to facilitate the construction of the central (west) dike and the creation of the Tailings Impoundment Area. The dewatering process will be completed in the year 2010.

Conditions of Authorization

1. Conditions that relate to the proponent plan:

1.1. Works and undertakings shall be conducted in accordance with the practices outlined in the following reports, and as approved by DFO:

- 1.1.1. Meadowbank Gold Project - Mine Waste and Water Management, prepared by Meadowbank Mining Corporation, dated August 2007.
- 1.1.2. Technical Memorandum – Fish-Out Program for the Meadowbank Gold Project, prepared by Ryan Hill and Gary Mann (Azimuth Consulting Group Inc.), dated May 30, 2008.
- 1.1.3. Technical Memorandum: Evaluation of Final Removal Phase – 2008 Fish-out of Second portage lake, Meadowbank Gold Project, prepared by Ryan Hill and Gary Mann (Azimuth Consulting Group Inc.), dated November 6, 2008.
- 1.1.4. Letter to Amy Liu (DFO) regarding Meadowbank Gold Project – Fish Out of Northwest Arm of Second Portage Lake, prepared by Rachel Gould (Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.), dated November 7, 2008.
- 1.1.5. Letter to Amy Liu (DFO) regarding Meadowbank Gold Project – Application for Section 32 Authorization, prepared and signed by Rachel Gould (Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.), dated January 27, 2009.

The holder of this authorization is hereby authorized under the authority of section 32 of the Fisheries Act, R.S.C., 1985, c.F. 14, to carry out the work or undertaking described herein. It does not purport to release the applicant from any obligation to obtain permission from or to comply with the

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requirements of any other regulatory agencies.

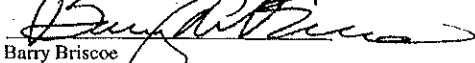
Failure to comply with any condition of this authorization may result in charges being laid under the Fisheries Act.

This authorization form should be held on site and work crews should be made familiar with the conditions attached.

Date of Issuance:

Feb 15, 2007

Approved by:



Barry Briscoe

Title:

Regional Director, Habitat and Oceans Management
Fisheries and Oceans Canada