

NWB File No: 2AM-MEA0815 / Renewal

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Subject: Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project, Agnico-Eagle

Mines Ltd.; Application for Renewal – TM and PHC

Dear Mr. Robert,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) correspondence<sup>1</sup> of November 24, 2014 with respect to the technical review of the 2AM-MEA0815 water licence renewal application and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) for the Meadowbank Gold Project, the Board received, before the December 24, 2014, comments from various intervening parties including:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC);
- Environment Canada (EC);
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and
- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA).

On January 7, 2015, the AEM provided a preliminary response<sup>2</sup> to the technical review comments made by Interveners.

Copies of the comments received from Intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board's Public Registry

<sup>1</sup> Letter from D. Hohnstein, NWB, to S. Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, Re: Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. Notice of Application and Commencement of Technical Review Period., November 24, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Letter from S. Robert and R. Vanengen, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, to P. Beaulieu, NWB, Re: NWB 2AM MEA0815: AEM Preliminary Response to NWB technical reviews of the Type A water license renewal application.

and made available through the NWB's FTP site using the following link (Username: public and Password: registry):

ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC%20PUBLIC%20REGISTRY/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815%20Agnico/1%20APPLICATION/2015%20Renewal/

The Licensee is advised to review the above submissions as well as intervening parties' comments on the technical review of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. During the Technical Meeting the Licensee and intervening parties will be required to provide PowerPoint (or PDF) presentations pertaining to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Type "A" water licence amendment application and the technical review submissions to the Board. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether or not the issues that they have identified have been or will be addressed by AEM to their satisfaction prior to the Hearing. Intervening parties are requested to provide an executive summary of their interventions complete with Inuktitut translations to be made available in hard copy at the meeting.

In its previous correspondence dated November 24, 2014 the Board directed the staff of the NWB to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Baker Lake the week of January 12, 2015. The NWB is confirming and advises parties that **Wednesday**, **January 14**, **2015** and **Thursday**, **January 15**, **2015** are now set as dates for the **Technical Meeting** and **Pre-Hearing Conference** in the **Community Hall**, **Baker Lake**, **Nunavut**.

Please find attached the proposed Agenda for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. As part of this Agenda the NWB is proposing to hold a community session during the evening of **January 14, 2015** to allow residents of Baker Lake to express views they may have regarding the Meadowbank Gold Project, the water licence renewal application and/or to ask any questions of the Applicant and the intervening parties. The Licensee should be prepared to provide a summarized version of their PowerPoint presentation provided during the technical meeting for community session. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of the presentation should be made available for distribution during the community session.

By copy of this letter, the Board is requesting that interested parties provide comments if necessary on the proposed Agenda and to **confirm their attendance** at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference by 3:00 p.m. (MT) on **January 12, 2015**.

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties bring with them, copies of the amendment application and correspondence/submission (either hard copy or electronic) for reference as required, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the Public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Karen Kharatyan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at <a href="mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca">karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca</a>, or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services at (780) 443-4406 or by email at

<u>david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca</u> for any technical inquiries, or Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338, or by email <u>licensing@nwb-oen.ca</u> for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

David Hohnstein

A. Hohnstein

Director Technical Services/Acting Executive Director

Nunavut Water Board

cc. Distribution List - Meadowbank



#### PROPOSED AGENDA

# TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT

#### TYPE "A" WATER LICENCE 2AM-MEA0815; RENEWAL APPLICATION

## **JANUARY 14-15, 2015**

**Technical Meeting** 

**Date:** January 14, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00PM (CT)
Location: Baker Lake Community Hall

- 1. Introduction and Registration
- 2. Application to the Board, NWB Opening Remarks (15 Minutes)
- 3. Purpose of the Pre-Hearing / Technical Meeting
- 4. Technical Review of the Application
  - a. Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. presentation on the current status of the Project (30Min)
  - b. Identification of Interested Parties
  - c. Presentations from Interested parties (20min/party)
  - d. Formulation of Issues
  - e. Identification and Service of Documents to Parties (deadline, public registry, form)
  - f. Translation and the Record (language, transcripts)

### January 14, 2015, 7:00 - 9:30 PM (CT)

**Location:** Baker Lake Community Hall

- 5. Community Session
  - a. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes)
  - b. Presentation of Application by Applicant (30 minutes)
  - c. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes/party)
  - d. Questions and comments from community



#### PROPOSED AGENDA (Cont.)

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**January 15, 2015, 08:30 AM (CT)** 

**Location:** Baker Lake Community Hall

### Continuation of Technical Meeting discussions if required

- 6. Pre-Hearing Conference
  - a. Identify issues preventing application from proceeding to a hearing
  - b. Discuss form, timing and location for any potential Public Hearing
  - c. Establish timetable for the pre-hearing exchange of information, including:
    - i. preparation and service of documents to parties (deadlines, form, public registry); and
    - ii. document translation requirements
    - iii. documentation to be included in the hearing record
  - d. Finalize list of issues to be dealt with at the Hearing
  - e. Identify interested parties
  - f. Identify any changes to Application for the purposes of clarification
  - g. Final procedures to be followed at the Hearing, including:
    - i. requested modifications to the applicable *NWB Rules of Practice and Procedure* for *Public Hearing* (May 2005)
    - ii. language requirements at the Hearing
  - h. Consider any other matters that may aid in the simplification and disposition of the Application at the Hearing
- 7. Other Issues
- 8. Closing of the Meeting