

Date: January 24, 2014

To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, Amendment Application

for the Type "A" Water Licence, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project: Close of the

**Public Hearing Record** 

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) Pre-Hearing Conference Decision issued on November 1, 2013 (PHC Decision) for the Application to amend Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815 (the Amendment Application), outlining the procedural requirements and timetable for the written public hearing, no further or additional submissions were received by the deadlines indicated in the PHC Decision. Consequently, the Board will consider the Amendment Application submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or the Applicant) and technical written submissions filed to date by the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and Environment Canada (EC).

The Board has placed this information on its public registry. For further details on the existing Type "A" Water Licence, this Amendment Application for the Meadowbank Project and all technical review submissions provided to date consult the NWB's FTP site under 2AM-MEA0815 (user name: "public", password: "registry") at the following link:

ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815%20Agnico/

The Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Public Hearing record for the Nunavut Water Board's Public Hearing regarding Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited's Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEA0915 Amendment Application for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project is now <u>CLOSED</u>. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Amendment Application may be filed with the Board and the Hearing Record will consist solely of the documentation filed in advance of the Hearing date, January 17, 2014.

Now that the Hearing Record is closed, the Amendment Application will be remitted to the Panel who will, in due course <sup>1</sup>, issue a decision report to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding whether or not to issue the requested amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence to the Applicant. If the Board's decision is to recommend that an Amended Type "A" Water Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the amended licence to the decision report for the review of the Minister.

As indicated above, the Public Hearing Record is now closed and the Panel will now undertake deliberations. During this time, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Typically within thirty (30) days from the date the Application is remitted to the Panel.

Amendment Application until the Board publicly issues its decision regarding the Amendment Application.

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) would like to take this opportunity to thank the Applicant, AANDC, EC and the KivIA, as well as the community of Baker Lake for their participation during the NWB's consideration of this Amendment Application, including providing the Board with technical review comments, identifying concerns and issues during the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference and working together to address issues that arose during the licensing process in a timely manner.

Regards,

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