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NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA0815
Amendment-Renewal

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**Subject: Licence 2AM-MEA0815, Type “A” Water Licence; Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited
Amendment-Renewal Application, Meadowbank Gold Mine – Nunavut Water
Board Written Direction Regarding Public Hearing Record Remaining Open**

As you may recall, on April 30, 2015 during the Public Hearing in respect of the Renewal-Amendment Application for Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815, filed by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board), a motion was presented by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with the consent of the Applicant, AEM and the intervener, the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), to keep the Hearing Record open to allow for the submission of further written materials on the issue of the reclamation security that should be held under a renewed/amended water licence if the Board decides to issue the renewal.

As indicated at the Public Hearing, the NWB Panel responsible for this application (P9 or the Meadowbank Panel) determined that these additional submissions would be relevant and may greatly assist the Board’s decision-making with respect to this issue. Therefore, by Panel Motion # 2015-04-P9-02, the Panel directed that the Hearing Record will remain open until **3:00 pm MDT on Friday, May 22, 2015** in order for the parties to file additional written materials as

specified below. Please note that the Panel motion to keep the record open only pertains to the narrow issue of submissions on the security to be held under an amended/renewed Licence, and for all other issues the Hearing Record is now closed. Consequently, other than the new evidence and written submissions specified below, the Board will **not** accept additional written materials from any other party and on any other issue during this time.

The Board will accept the following additional written materials on or before May 22, 2015:

- New evidence consisting of the Letter of Credit provided by AEM and currently posted with the KIA under the reclamation provisions of the Production Lease between AEM and the KIA;
- New evidence consisting of the provisions of the Production Lease between AEM and the KIA that relate to reclamation obligations and reclamation security; and
- Any additional written submissions from AANDC, the KIA and AEM addressing the issue of the quantum of security to be held under an amended/renewed Licence if the NWB grants AEM's Renewal and Amendment Application.

Please note that UNLESS expressly requested to maintain confidentiality in any of the materials or excerpts of the materials provided by the parties in accordance with this direction, all materials received by the Board will be posted in their entirety to the public registry and the distribution list will be notified of the posting.

Once the Board has received and had an opportunity to review the additional materials set out above, the Board will provide further written direction to the parties regarding whether the Public Hearing Record is closed and the Application may then be remitted to the Panel for decision-making, or whether additional submissions (oral and/or written) are warranted in the circumstances prior to the close of the Public Hearing Record.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact David Hohnstein, the Board's Acting Executive Director and Director of Technical Services. David can be reached at his direct line: (780) 443-4406 or via e-mail david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Water Board and Chairperson of the Meadowbank Panel (P9)

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