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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

June 1, 2015

To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: 2AM-MEA0815 -- Close of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Type “A” Water Licence Renewal and Amendment Application by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project

As indicated in the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) correspondence of May 4, 2015, the Public Hearing Record associated with the Board’s Public Hearing to consider the Application of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or the Applicant) to renew and amend the Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815 for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (the Renewal and Amendment Application) has remained open following the adjournment of the in person portion of the Public Hearing (held on April 29 and 30, 2015, in Baker Lake). At the Public Hearing, the NWB Panel responsible for this application (P9 or the Meadowbank Panel) granted the motion (brought by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) with the consent of the other parties) in order to allow, AANDC, the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) and the Applicant to file additional written materials solely 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.

The date for filing these further submissions was originally set for Friday, May 22, 2015, but was extended at the request of AANDC to May 26, 2015. Further in order for the Applicant, AEM to have the opportunity to reply to the submissions, the Board also extended the Applicant’s deadline for filing to May 27, 2015 at 8:30 am. In accordance with the Board’s directions on this point final written submissions were provided to the Board from AANDC, the KIA and AEM.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and these materials are now included as an addition to the Public Hearing Record for the NWB’s file in respect of 2AM-MEA0815. Access to this information is made available through the NWB’s ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/1%20PRUC%20PUBLIC%20REGISTRY/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2A>

On June 1, 2015, the Meadowbank Panel reviewed the additional information provided by the parties and decided that all required evidence is now before the Board. Consequently, by way of Panel Motion #: 2015-10-P9-03 the Panel confirms the Public Hearing record for the Nunavut Water Board's Public Hearing regarding the Renewal and Amendment of Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815 for the Meadowbank Gold Project is complete and is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of AEM's Renewal and Amendment Application may be filed with the Board, and the Hearing Record will consist of the documentation filed in advance of the Hearing, the oral evidence and Exhibits filed during the Hearing and the further comments filed with the Board by May 27, 2015.

Now that the Hearing Record has been closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days from the date the Application was remitted to the Panel) issue a decision report to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding whether or not to issue the requested renewed and amended Type "A" Water Licence. If the Board's decision is to recommend that a renewed and amended Type "A" Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the renewed and amended licence to the decision report for the review of the Minister.

Please note that with the Public Hearing Record now closed and the Panel in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding this Renewal and Amendment Application until the Board publicly issues its decision regarding the Application.

In closing, the Board extends our thanks to all the parties, community members and general members of the public who were involved in the Board's processing of the Renewal and Amendment Application. The Board recognizes the diligence of the parties in working together to try to resolve the outstanding issues in advance of, at the Public Hearing and during the period when the Hearing Record remained open. In addition, the Board appreciates the contributions of everyone who attended the in person portion of the Public Hearing in Baker Lake at the end of April.

Sincerely,

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Hearing Chair
Nunavut Water Board

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