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Tailings Deposition Meadowbank, submission with annual report

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Hello Kyle,

First off, I would like to apologize for the conflicting information you have received. We will strive to improve our communication process, and ensure standardization of information provided. At this stage, the submitted Meadowbank Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Version 13 ("the Plan") and associated appendices remain our official plan. As discussed, we have been looking at the opportunity to discharge tailings in the South Cell and the North Cell. There are many operational and environmental advantages to return and deposit tailings in these cells. This is mentioned as an opportunity in slide 16 of the Appendix B referenced in Version 13 of the Plan. This is further stated in Section 9 of the Annual Report: "in 2022, Agnico Eagle initiated work to update the closure landform design of the TSF. Based on the design assessment and site conditions, additional tailings deposition could be completed during 2023 in the North and South Cell, along with construction of internal rockfill structures required for water management and tailings deposition." However, these plans are not finalized, and as such cannot be submitted as part of an update to the Plan. I also want to highlight that the Plan does not state "that no more tailings deposition will occur within the North Cell or South Cell TSF", rather in section 6.3 of the Plan, it states "the tailings deposition plan will to continue to evolve".

Lastly, I want to assure you that as required in the Water License 2AM-MEA1530, Schedule B part 9, the submitted Plan presented an update on the remaining storage capacity in our infrastructure, which extends past the current life of mine (excess capacity).

Do not hesitate to give me a call to discuss further.

Regards,

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CAUTION: EXTERNAL

Good afternoon Eric. Thank you for taking my call.

As discussed on the phone.

On my last inspection I discussed the use and eventual reclamation of the Tailing Storage Facilities at Meadowbank Mine. I requested information regarding the use of the various tailings deposition areas and was provided answers from Sam which I have attached in this email. In Sam's response it was indicated that the North Cell and South Cell TSF were to be used again.

With the submission of the 2022 annual report Appendix 22 Meadowbank Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Version 13 a standalone tailings deposition plan is included in Appendix B. I have attached the exert. In this plan it is indicated that no more tailings deposition will occur within the North cell or South cell TSF.

You indicated that this plan is no longer valid but has been submitted with the 2022 annual report submission. Can you please provide an explanation and how this will be rectified.

Regards, Kyle

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