



To: Robert Hunter Licensing Administrator **Nunavut Water Board**

From: Luis Manzo, Director of Lands, Kivalliq Inuit Association

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Baker Lake

Re: Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Complex 2023 Annual Report; NWB Water Licences 2AM-MEA1530 & 2AM-WTP1830

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Introduction 1.

The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) has conducted a review of the Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle) 2023 Annual Report for the Meadowbank Complex Gold Project, including both the Meadowbank and Whale Tail sites. Agnico Eagle's submission consisted of the Meadowbank Complex 2024 Annual Report supported by 57 appendices. These documents were submitted by to address requirements within the water licences 2AM-MEA1530 & 2AM-WTP1830.

KivIA has completed this review with the support of the following consultants:

- Prairie Scientific Inc. (PSI; Matt McDougall), aquatic environment specialists; and
- GeoVector Management Inc. (GeoVector; Alan Sexton), geoscience specialist.









2. Technical Review

Comment No. KivIA 1: Meadowbank Implementation of Commitments

Reference: Appendix 1 – Meadowbank Update on Implementation of Commitments

Commitments # 38, 41, 42, 72 and 101 to 112 all use the company name of "Cumberland."

Recommendation:

The KivIA would like an explanation on why the company name has not been changed to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited.

Comment No. KivIA 2: Portage Pit B and B Dump

Reference: Appendix 8 – Meadowbank 2023 Annual Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection; Table 2 2023 Annual Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection, Summary of Recommendations.

The 2023 recommendation stated "The possibility of the settlement of the B Dump progressing back to the Amaruq Road was discussed in 2022and concluded to be unlikely as the settlement and tension cracks appear to be limited to within the footprint of the pit. SNC Lavalin was retained by AEM to complete a detailed assessment in order to confirm this conclusion.

Recommendation:

The KivIA would like to request to have the opportunity to review the results of the SNC Lavalin assessment when they become available. In particular, prior to the 2024 Annual report review.

Comment No. KivIA 3: Dust Mitigation on North Tailing Cell

Reference: Appendix 17 – Meadowbank Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Version 14; Section 6.5 Monitoring of Tailings Dust, page 22.

Section 6.5 states that "Mitigation measures were implemented by AEM in 2021 and 2022 to prevent further dust generation from wind erosion of the surface of the south and north tailing cells, especially the North cell where less water is retained. In 2023, fresh tailings were deposited in the South Cell for an increased mitigation of dust generation."

Recommendation:

The KivIA would like to request what mitigation was completed for the North Cell in 2023, given that this cell retains less water and is more susceptible to dust generation.



3. Closing

The KivIA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the 2023 Annual Report for the Meadowbank Complex Project. Please contact Luis Manzo, Director of Lands, (dirlands@kivalliqinuit.ca) should you require further information.

Regards,

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