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August 26th, 2013

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
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Re: License No. 2AM-MEA0815 – East Dike Seepage Modification

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

In accordance with your letter "License No. 2AM-MEA0815 – Notice of Modification: East Dike Non-contact Seepage Water Discharge to Second Portage Lake" dated July 3rd, 2013, AEM requested (on July 9th, 2013) direction from Environment Canada as to whether the discharge of the non-contact East Dike seepage would be subject to MMER requirements. On August 7th, 2013, AEM received correspondence from Environment Canada (Appendix 1) advising that the effluent resulting from the discharge of the East Dike seepage is subject to the requirements of the MMER. At this time AEM is not contemplating the discharge of the East Dike seepage to Second Portage Lake. Should AEM decide to discharge the seepage in the future, AEM will notify the Inspector as per Part F, Item 8 of NWB License #2AM-MEA0815 as well as conduct all monitoring requirements in accordance with the MMER..

Should you require any further information, please contact me at marie-pier.marcil@agnicoeagle.com or Stéphane Robert directly at 819-763-0229 or via email at stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com.

Regards,
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division

Marie-Pier Marcil
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Appendix 1
Meadowbank Mine – East Dike Seepage Water



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August 7, 2013

Mr. Stephane Robert
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Meadowbank Division
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Dear Mr. Robert,

Re: Meadowbank Mine – East Dike Seepage Water

This letter is in response to your letter to Ian Rumbolt, Enforcement Officer with Environment Canada, dated July 9, 2013 seeking clarification from Environment Canada regarding the application of the *Metal Mining Effluent Regulations* (MMER) to discharge waters from non-contact East Dike seepage.

In your letter, you state that Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM) submitted a modification request pursuant to the Type A Water License Part F Item 4 to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on April 23rd, 2013. In the modification application, AEM proposed to collect East Dike Seepage Water and pump it through a separate sump collection system and discharge pipe back to Second Portage Lake.

Environment Canada has determined that the effluent resulting from the discharge of the East Dike seepage is subject to the requirements of the MMER.

Please note that, as specified in section 10 of the MMER:

- (1) The owner or operator of a mine shall submit in writing to the authorization officer the information required by section 9, for
 - (a) any final discharge point that is identified by an inspector, and that was not identified as required by section 9, within 30 days after the discharge point is identified; and
 - (b) each new final discharge point, at least 60 days before depositing effluent from that new final discharge point.
- (2) The owner or operator shall submit in writing to the authorization officer the information on any proposed change to a final discharge point at least 60 days before the change is to be made.

Also note that sampling required for the Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program under the MMER will need to be reviewed to ensure compliance. Please contact Ms. Shelly Boss by email at shelly.boss@ec.gc.ca or by phone (780) 951-8754 if you have any questions on the EEM requirements.

Canada

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For any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Reg Ejeckam (Mining Project Officer) by telephone at (204) 984-3522, or e-mail at reg.ejeckam@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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Regional Director
MMER Authorization Officer

cc: Ian Rumbolt, Enforcement Officer, EC
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