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RE: Licence No: 2AM-MEA1530 Type “A”; Meadowbank Gold Mine Project, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Additional Fuel Tank

Dear Jamie Quesnel and Manon Turmel:

On June 23, 2022, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received a request by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) for Additional Fuel Tank Modification (Request) to the Licence No: 2AM-MEA1530 (Licence) issued to Agnico Eagle for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (Project). In the Request, the Licensee outlined that it seeks the Board’s approval to install and operate a 3.3 ML fuel tank to supplement the existing fuel storage. It was stated that *water management and spill containment structures will be required*. The Request included the *Design Report for a New 3.3ML Fuel Tank and Its Containment Facilities* dated May 24, 2022 with issued-for-construction drawings (Report) and updated *Meadowbank and Whale Tail Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan* and *Spill Contingency Plan*, both dated June 2022.

The Board was advised that on June 22, 2022, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued its determination that the previous conformity determinations still apply, and that the Request is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the proposed activities do not change the scope of the original or amended Project activities.

On July 5, 2022, the NWB distributed the Request for public review with the deadline for comments set for July 15, 2022. On July 11, 2022, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) provided its comments prescribing revisions to the *Spill Contingency Plan*.

On July 12, 2022, the Board halted the public review of the Request due to the NIRB’s initiation of a public review of the Request. On July 27, 2022, the NWB resumed its processing of the Request after receiving the confirmation from the NIRB that “... the proposed modification does not require further assessment by the NIRB, and the proposed modification can now move to the next stage in the regulatory process...”

On August 4, 2022, Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA's comments outlining the measures contained in the *Spill Contingency Plan*, which CIRNA confirmed as satisfactory on August 5, 2022.

Copies of all documents received in support of the Request can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA1530%20Agnico/3%20TECH/G%20MODIFICATIONS/>

NWB's Review and Decision

The NWB, having reviewed the Licensee's Request in the context of interveners' comments and recommendations, potential impact of the proposed activities on the freshwater environment, and consistency of the proposed activity in relation to the scope of the Licence, as well as the clarification provided by the Licensee, determined that the modification proposed are consistent with the scope of activities considered under the Licence issued to the Project. Therefore, by way of this correspondence and in accordance with **Motion No: 2022-A1-004** and Part G, Item 1 of the Licence, the Board authorizes Agnico Eagle to undertake the modification in accordance with Agnico Eagle's Request. The Board also approves the *Meadowbank and Whale Tail Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan* and *Spill Contingency Plan*, both dated June 2022, in accordance with the above Motion and as per Part B, Item 14 of the Licence. The Licensee is advised that the management plans can be implemented upon the issuance of this letter by the Board.

In addition, the Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence. The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, Item 1, and may proceed in accordance with the Report and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the document.

In addition, the Board advises the Licensee that in accordance with Part G, Item 2 of the Licence, changes in excess of those authorized under this modification, may constitute a separate potential modification or amendment to the Licence, which may require respective determination(s) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and/or the NIRB prior to receiving any consideration(s) and/or determination(s) from the NWB. Further, in keeping with Part G, Item 4 of the Licence's terms and conditions, the submission of post-construction information, including as-built plans and drawings (if any), shall remain applicable to this authorization.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Distribution List – Meadowbank