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File: 2AM-MEA0815/Part G1

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Re: Water Licence No.2AM-MEA0815, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division, Meadowbank Gold Project; Notification of Modification – Proposed Expansion to the Meadowbank Airstrip under Part G, Item 1

Dear Mr. Robert,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) would like to acknowledge receipt of the above-cited request for modification/clarification on February 4, 2010, from Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division (AEML), submitted in accordance with Part G, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-MEA0815.

The NWB has, in its review, determined that the proposed expansion of the airstrip at the Meadowbank Gold Project is not consistent with the scope of the Licence where the airstrip was considered, however no definition for the activity was provided for in the Licence. Upon consultation of the Type “A” Licence Application, the proposed airstrip and impact area was defined and restricted to an on-land activity.

As the modification is considered inconsistent with the Licence, the NWB has determined that AEML is required to submit an amendment application detailing the request.

As part of the amendment application, the NWB is requesting that additional information be provided by AEML, to include the following:

1. A Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan (including TSS Management) for the construction of the airstrip expansion;
2. Proposed revisions to the Meadowbank Water Management Plan;
3. Results of any Acid Rock Drainage studies that have taken place and the results of any acid rock drainage potential testwork completed, along with metal leaching capability of the materials planned to be utilized for the construction;
4. Proposed disposal of any excavated materials in preparation of the expansion areas;
5. Information with respect to design specifications, including the ‘For Construction Drawings’ for the undertaking;
6. Methods of erosion and sediment control during construction (on land portion);

7. Changes to, or proposed changes and commitments with respect to environmental response plan and Spill Contingency Plan, including the prevention, containment and recovery from spills into water associated with the airstrip.

Based on the information provided to date and that expected to be submitted with the amendment application, the NWB will be requesting at the time of technical review, comment on the form of a hearing, if one is required to be held. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (780) 443-4406 or Richard Dwyer, Licensing Administrator, at (867) 360-6338, licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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