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**RE: Licences No: 2AM-MEA1530, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project;  
2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project;  
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited;  
2020 Annual Report Review**

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Dear Marie-Pier Marcil:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed a technical review of the 2020 Annual Report (the Report) for Type “A” Water Licences 2AM-MEA1530 and 2AM-WTP1830 (Meadowbank Licence, Whale Tail Pit Licence, or Licences). The Report was received on April 16, 2021 from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee), submitted as a requirement under Part B of the Licences. The submission date is the result of the extension request received by the NWB from the Licensee on March 22, 2021.

Copies of all documents received during Report review can be accessed through the NWB’s Public Registry and FTP site using the following links:

[ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA1530%20Agnico/3%20TECH/1%20GENERAL%20\(B\)/2%20ANNUAL%20RPT/2020/](ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA1530%20Agnico/3%20TECH/1%20GENERAL%20(B)/2%20ANNUAL%20RPT/2020/)

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<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP1830%20Agnico/3%20TECH/B%20GENERAL/2%20ANNUAL%20RPT/>

On April 19, 2021, the NWB distributed the Report for public review. Submissions were received from Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) on or before July 26, 2021. The table below provides a brief summary of issues that were found outstanding during the Report review, pertaining to the NWB’s mandate. The table provides deadlines for the Licensee to respond

to respective recommendations and concerns. For the intervenors' discussion of these items, please refer to the comment submissions referenced above.

**Table 1. Intervener Recommendations and Concerns**

No.	Licence No:	Intervener Recommendation / Concern	Deadline to Respond by and Notes
<b>Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA)</b>			
12	2AM-MEA1530	Agnico Eagle should include more detailed plans for bench-scale testing on water treatment to ensure the appropriate water quality is achievable. Further, should small scale testing indicate that short-term treatment is inadequate for long term habitat suitability, Agnico Eagle should explore alternative habitat offsetting strategies.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
13	2AM-WTP1830	Agnico Eagle should continue monitoring the nutrient loads and phytoplankton biomass and taxa richness. Should total phosphorus and other nutrient concentrations continue to increase, Agnico Eagle should propose a mitigation strategy, as well as discuss how this might impact closure objectives and timelines.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
14	2AM-WTP1830	Agnico Eagle should consider removing Nemo Lake as a mercury study reference lake should large volume discharges to the watershed resume.	November 19, 2021
15	2AM-MEA1530	The Report states: "During a routine inspection at the Baker Lake Tank Farm, fuel was observed in the secondary containment of fuel tanks 5 & 6. After further inspection, a small fuel leak was observed." The KivIA recommends Agnico Eagle provide details on the steps they have taken to prevent another such spill from occurring.	November 19, 2021
<b>Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)</b>			
1	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	CIRNA recommends that future annual reports must include detailed, updated assessments of existing and predicted long-term thermal performance of mine wastes and cover systems at the Meadowbank and Whale Tail sites to confirm that these progressively reclaimed areas will perform as intended including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Meaningful discussions and evaluations of the results from the thermal monitoring.</li> <li>1.2. Clearly presented comparison of prior predictions of freeze back with monitoring results.</li> <li>1.3. Updated modeling results to verify if conceptual plans for thermal encapsulation of all mine wastes remain effective to prevent and control deleterious seepage over the long term.</li> <li>1.4. If results show discrepancies from the initially predicted values, Agnico Eagle should discuss the management actions that</li> </ul>	Subsequent annual reports

		will be implemented to address the risk.	
2	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that future Annual Reports and Interim Closure and Reclamation Plans (ICRPs) include:</p> <p>Details on planned progressive reclamation activities to be undertaken over the next reporting period. Details on progressive reclamation implemented to date and within the reporting period. Such details should include but not be limited to: facilities covered in the prior year, total areas covered to date, volumes associated with these areas, monitoring results, construction reports, as-built drawings, all signed by an engineer licenced to work in Nunavut.</p>	Subsequent annual reports
3	2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle provide:</p> <p>3.1 Documentation of its “lessons learned” assessment of geotechnical design issues experienced by the Whale Tail Pit Project water retention structures in 2019.</p> <p>3.2 Descriptions of modifications Agnico Eagle has made to its design and management processes to mitigate the geotechnical design issues experienced in 2019.</p>	November 19, 2021
4	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle provide the following:</p> <p>4.1 Confirmation that long-term modelling of seepage from the Meadowbank WRSFs is of sufficient duration to characterize seepage after breakthrough.</p> <p>4.2 If not, that Agnico Eagle extend the temporal scope of its WRSF seepage modelling to ensure that potential seepage impacts after breakthrough are accurately characterized and provide this information in the next annual report.</p>	November 19, 2021
5	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle provide:</p> <p>5.1 An integrated analysis of all relevant data to support the conclusion that additional assessment and mitigation of chromium in TPL sediments is not required.</p> <p>5.2 An explanation of why rock with elevated metal leaching potential was used as a construction material.</p> <p>5.3 Descriptions of any changes made to Agnico Eagle’s waste rock management practices to ensure leachable materials used to date in the Meadowbank or Whale Tail sites do not result in similar adverse impacts in the future.</p> <p>5.4 Descriptions of changes made to Agnico Eagle’s waste rock management practices to ensure leachable materials are not used in</p>	November 19, 2021

		further construction practices to prevent this from occurring again.	
6	2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that future annual reports include:</p> <p>6.1 A section that describes and quantifies Agnico Eagle's use of explosives relative to assumptions used in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) modelling.</p> <p>6.2 A re-assessment or justification for Agnico Eagle's prior conclusion that a change in trophic status in Mammoth Lake will not impact fish productivity when potential impacts of explosives residue is considered.</p>	Subsequent annual reports
7	2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle provide an update on the status of mercury studies, including all work originally scheduled for completion in 2020. The update should include:</p> <p>7.1 An assessment of factors that resulted in the elevated mercury concentrations observed to date; and</p> <p>7.2 An assessment of potential human and ecological health impacts associated with the elevated mercury concentrations.</p>	November 19, 2021
8	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	CIRNA recommends that future annual reports use a modified reporting approach to ensure that comparisons between monitoring data and applicable criteria reflect the temporal and spatial variability inherent in these natural systems. Specifically, reporting should not be based solely on mean data for entire water bodies.	Subsequent annual reports
9	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle:</p> <p>9.1 Conduct a modelling exercise to predict post-closure water quality in the re-flooded Meadowbank mine pits (Goose and Portage).</p> <p>9.2 Incorporate the findings of the modelling into the next iteration of the Meadowbank ICRP. Specifically, the findings should be used to inform the design of relevant closure components, including but not limited to: capping of the in-pit tailings and post-closure water management, water treatment facility designs, sludge generation and disposal, requirements as well as expected treatment duration.</p>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
10	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle:</p> <p>10.1 Describe the strategy that will be used to evaluate cover requirements and methods for the in-pit tailings (e.g., water covers, coarse/fine granular covers, construction/leave a submerged berm at the connection to the pit). The strategy should be initiated in 2021 and an</p>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)

		<p>update should be provided in the 2021 Annual Report.</p> <p>10.2 Identify the preferred closure concept for covering in-pit tailings in the next iteration of the Meadowbank ICRP.</p>	
11	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle describe the technical rationale for using different WRSF cover thicknesses at the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail sites. Any notable differences in the design assumptions for the two sites should be provided in the rationale. This information should be presented in the next iteration of the Meadowbank ICRP.</p>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
12	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle perform a comprehensive review of its tank farm facilities to identify and mitigate all potential failure modes (including accidents and malfunctions). The findings of the review should be provided in the 2021 Annual Report and should:</p> <p>12.1 Consider increasing the frequency of tank farm inspections and implementation of mitigative actions within a reasonable timeframe if/as recommended.</p> <p>12.2 Address the issue of water management within the secondary containment areas in general, and in particular, how approximately 400,000 L of water came to be within the containment area at the time of the leak.</p>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
13	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle clarify why it is using the less restrictive (Industrial) Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) standards for PHC F3 fraction when more restrictive standards could and should be used for the quarry which is located on the tundra.</p>	November 19, 2021
14	2AM-MEA1530	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle:</p> <p>14.1 In future, adhere to any existing requirements until Agnico Eagle receives written approval from the appropriate authority to change, modify, or waive an existing requirement.</p> <p>14.2 Formally acknowledge agreement to recommendation 14.1 above in response to these comments.</p>	November 19, 2021
15	2AM-WTP1830	<p>CIRNA recommends that Agnico Eagle:</p> <p>15.1 Provide the necessary supporting evidence and data with respect to the 2020 geochemical sampling data that were used to classify waste rock from the Whale Tail Pit and IVR Pit.</p> <p>15.2 Provide the supporting evidence and statistical summaries of the geochemical data from the accredited external laboratory that were used to confirm that Agnico Eagle's methodology and</p>	November 19, 2021

		results used to differentiate PAG/NPAG rock are appropriate.	
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)			
1	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that the Licensee ensure stack testing is completed in 2021 to confirm continued compliance.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
2	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that the Licensee ensure a dust management plan is developed and implemented to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
5	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that seepage volumes for all stations be compared to previous years and expected averages to aid in interpretation of data. In addition, for any locations with increased seepage as compared to previous years or expected averages, a preliminary discussion of potential sources/causes should be provided.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
6	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	Several of the figure's Y-axis are not scaled appropriately causing data to be located at the bottom of the graph, making it difficult to interpret when CCME guidelines or Water Licence limits are exceeded. ECCC recommends that figures use appropriate Y-axis to aid in interpretation of data.	Subsequent annual reports
7	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that the comparison of measured versus forecasted values also include some preliminary discussion on potential sources when measured results differ from the forecasted values, specifically if the measured values exceed forecasted.	Subsequent annual reports
8	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends the Licensee provide additional supporting information as to why for some parameters the concentrations used in the model are lower than the observed average concentrations in mill effluent in 2020.	November 19, 2021
9	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommend that the Licensee update the text to refer to the correct diatom phylum Bacillariophyta.	Subsequent annual reports
10	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that the Licensee provide information on any potential next steps in monitoring to reduce uncertainty associated with the source of the elevated arsenic and chloride concentrations at Pit-E Seepage location.	November 19, 2021
11	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that the Licensee provide a general timeline for when the assimilative capacity studies for Third Portage Lake may be completed.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
12	2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that road and construction materials be non-metal leaching and non-potentially acid generating, including for road operation and maintenance, and that applicable documents (including the Whale Tail Haul Road 2021 Work Plan and the 2021 esker/quarry work plans) be	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)

		updated to reflect this guidance.	
13	2AM-WTP1830	With respect to increased nutrients/productivity in the receiving environment, ECCC recommends that the Licensee proactively identify management response options to address potential effects, including under-predicted parameter concentrations	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
14	2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that the Licensee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify whether any actions are planned to improve sewage treatment plant (STP) effluent quality and meet the operational/design targets for nitrate and phosphorus, as set out in Table 6 of the Sewage Treatment Plant O&amp;M Manual; and</li> <li>• Clarify whether STP effluent exceeded operational/design targets for any other Table 6 parameters.</li> </ul>	November 19, 2021
15	2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that the Licensee clarify the frequency of TSS sample collection for laboratory analyses during open water dike construction, and update relevant management plans as appropriate.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
16	2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that the Licensee clarify whether and how the Meadowbank TSS-turbidity relationship has been/will be validated for the Whale Tail site, and whether paired TSS-turbidity samples will be collected during construction at applicable locations in the Whale Tail site to validate or update the site-specific TSS-turbidity relationship.	November 19, 2021
17	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	ECCC recommends that the Licensee update the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a discussion/rationale for the QA/QC sampling frequencies presented in Table 2-2 (Quality Control Sample Frequency);</li> <li>• QA/QC sampling frequency of the compliance monitoring programs for Groundwater Chemistry and for Mine Facilities should be in line with best practices for each monitoring program; and</li> <li>• Include trips blanks in all monitoring programs listed in Table 2-2.</li> </ul>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
18	2AM-WTP1830	With respect to the continued trend of permafrost degradation at the Whale Tail Dike abutment and the rapid warmup in the wall and foundation, ECCC recommends that the Licensee describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The likelihood that these changes would result in a seepage increase, and the potential timing and extent of increased seepage;</li> <li>• Potential effects of such a seepage increase;</li> </ul>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options to mitigate and manage a potential seepage increase; and</li> <li>Any other changes/impacts that may result from the continuing permafrost degradation at the abutment and the rapid warmup in the wall and foundation, and options to mitigate and manage such changes/impacts.</li> </ul>	
19	2AM-WTP1830	<p>ECCC recommends that prior to decommissioning the contact water management system or reconnecting the pit lake to surface waters, monitoring results and water quality predictions demonstrate that runoff, seepage, and pit lake water quality has stabilized and will be consistently acceptable for release over the short-, medium- and long-term, taking into account seasonal and inter-annual variability and climate change considerations. ECCC also recommends that relevant sections of the Whale Tail ICRP, including Table 5.2-2 (Closure Objectives and Criteria – Open Pits Workings), be revised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge that a post-closure water quality monitoring period of 3 years is aspirational and that 3 years would be a minimum duration; and</li> <li>Provide post-closure water quality monitoring until it is demonstrated that pit lake water quality is stable and will consistently meet water quality objective values over the short-, medium- and long-term.</li> </ul>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
20	2AM-WTP1830	The values of neutralization potential (NP) and acid potential (AP) are based on the acid base accounting (ABA) process, therefore, the rock unit that contains 0.1 wt. % of sulphur but not enough neutralization potential such that its Neutralization Potential Ratio (NPR) is equal to 2 or less, that unit or rock type should be classified as Potentially Acid Generating (PAG). ECCC recommends that the Licensee reconsider its non-PAG classification criterion as expressed above.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
21	2AM-WTP1830	In the Whale Tail Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan, ECCC notes that in the Potential Issues column of Table 5-1, one item is that “Thermal monitoring confirms that the waste rock cover freeze back is not occurring as anticipated”. The steps to be taken did not include investigation of the presence of “hot spots” within the Waste Rock Storage Facility (WRSF), which could potentially cause some spots or layer in the waste rock facility not to freeze back. ECCC recommends that the actions include the investigation of the	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)



		possible presence of hot spots in the WRSF.	
22	2AM-MEA1530	ECCC recommends that the Licensee explain how they plan to maintain the 85% saturation in the 0.5m section of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) that will be penetrated by thaw during the warm months, and how this will be maintained given the ongoing impact of climate change in the region.	November 19, 2021
23	2AM-WTP1830	<p>The Licensee states, “Once water quality meets the discharge criteria established through the water licensing process, the contact water management system will be decommissioned to allow the surface runoff and seepage water from the Whale Tail WRSF and IVR WRSF to naturally flow to the outside environment”.</p> <p>Given the above statement, ECCC would like to remind the Licensee that as long as the Whale Tail mine is regulated under the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations (MDMER), all effluent discharge from the mine site would need to be monitored and discharged through a final discharge point until the mine acquires the recognized closed mine status (RCM). After which time the mine is no longer subject to MDMER but captured under the general prohibition against the deposit of deleterious substances into waters frequented by fish, described in ss. 36(3) of the Fisheries Act.</p>	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
Nunavut Water Board (NWB)			
1	2AM-MEA1530	The Board notes Total Suspended Solids (TSS) exceedances at Monitoring Program Stations ST-5 and ST-6. The Licensee is requested to clarify the causes of these exceedances and preventative measures to be employed.	November 19, 2021
2	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	<p>The Reports states, “Some accredited laboratory water quality measurements have detection limits that are higher than the predicted values. This is particularly true for dissolved metal analysis, such as cadmium, iron, lead, nickel, molybdenum, selenium, thallium and zinc.”</p> <p>and</p> <p>“The [Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program] CREMP conclusion that increased nutrients in WTS and MAM are primarily due to flooding is generally supported by measurements conducted through other [Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program] AEMP programs (dike construction in 2019 and effluent monitoring in 2019 and 2020), through which very few exceedances of laboratory detection limits for total phosphorus have been observed... However, it is noted that detection limits for total phosphorus in</p>	Subsequent annual reports

		these programs (0.01 mg/L) exceed the CREMP trigger value (0.004 mg/L) and most CREMP water quality measurements for WTS and MAM in 2020 (2020 CREMP Report, Figure 5-30).” The NWB requests that the Licensee use detection limits in line with the trigger values.	
3	2AM-MEA1530	The Board appreciates the inclusion of the <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2020 Geotechnical Inspection Implementation Plan</i> ; however, the Licensee is requested to provide the timeline of follow-up actions to the recommendations outlined in the <i>2020 Annual Pit Slope Performance Review</i> dated January 7, 2021.	March 31, 2022 (2021 Annual Report)
4	2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	The Board reminds Agnico Eagle of the Licence requirement in Part B, Item 17, “... (r)visions to the Plans or Manuals are to be submitted in the form of an <u>Addendum... complete with a revisions list detailing where significant content changes are made.</u> ”	Subsequent annual reports

The NWB notes that Agnico Eagle submitted the following updated management plans with the 2020 Annual Report.

**Table 2. Submitted Management Plans.**

Licence No.	Management Plan
2AM-MEA1530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan</i>, Version 11 dated April 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank 2020 Water Management Report and Plan</i>, Version 9 dated April 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Landfill Design and Management Plan</i>, Version 5 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Oil Handling Facility: Oil Pollution Emergency Plan</i>, Version 13 dated April 2021;</li> </ul>
2AM-WTP1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering</i>, Version 3 dated May 2020;</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan</i>, Version 4 dated July 2020;</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Pit - Landfill and Waste Management Plan</i>, Version 4 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan – Whale Tail Pit Project</i>, Version 6 dated November 2020;</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Project – Waste Rock Management Plan</i>, Version 7 dated April 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Water Management Plan</i>, Version 6 dated April 2021;</li> </ul>
2AM-MEA1530 and 2AM-WTP1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan</i>, Version 6 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Ammonia Management Plan</i>, Version 3 dated March 2021;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hazardous Materials Management Plan</i>, Version 6 dated July 2020;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Blast Monitoring Program</i>, Version 6 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Spill Contingency Plan</i>, Version 13 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Emergency Response Plan</i>, Version 16 dated March 2021;</li> <li>• <i>Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan</i>, Version 6 dated July 2020.</li> </ul>
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The Board advises that the following management plans address the requirements of the Licences:

- For the Meadowbank Licence:
  - *Meadowbank 2020 Water Management Report and Plan*, Version 9 dated April 2021;
  - *Meadowbank Landfill Design and Management Plan*, Version 5 dated March 2021;
  - *Oil Handling Facility: Oil Pollution Emergency Plan*, Version 13 dated April 2021;
- For the Whale Tail Pit Licence:
  - *Whale Tail Pit - Landfill and Waste Management Plan*, Version 4 dated March 2021;
  - *Water Management Plan*, Version 6 dated April 2021;
- For both Meadowbank Licence and Whale Tail Pit Licence:
  - *Meadowbank and Whale Tail Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan*, Version 6 dated March 2021;
  - *Ammonia Management Plan*, Version 3 dated March 2021;
  - *Hazardous Materials Management Plan*, Version 6 dated July 2020;
  - *Meadowbank and Whale Tail Blast Monitoring Program*, Version 6 dated March 2021;
  - *Spill Contingency Plan*, Version 13 dated March 2021; and
  - *Emergency Response Plan*, Version 16 dated March 2021.

The Board notes that the NWB approved the document entitled *Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan – Whale Tail Pit Project* dated November 2020 with the issuance of correspondence on January 22, 2021. The NWB finds that, as the interveners expressed their concerns on some of the management plans as outlined in Table 1, some of the submitted plans require further work for the next updated plans.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at [assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca) or (867) 360 6338.

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