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Your reference
File # 2AM-MEA0815/TR/114

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut

Stéphane Robert
Environment Superintendent
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., Meadowbank Division
Baker Lake, Nunavut

Sent by Email

Dear Richard and Stéphane,

**SUBJECT WATER LICENSE #2AM-MEA0815, AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LTD.,
MEADOWBANK GOLD MINE, KIVALLIQ REGION, SUBMISSION OF
INDEPENDENT GEOTECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW PANEL REPORT #3**

Please be advised that on behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, I have completed a review of the above referenced Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. submission to the Nunavut Water Board.

A Technical Review Memorandum (attached) is provided to the Board for consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, feel free to contact me at 867-975-4555 or David.Abernethy@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Regards,

David W. Abernethy
Water Resources Regional Coordinator
Operations Directorate, Nunavut Regional Office
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Iqaluit, Nunavut

Cc: Andrea Cull, Acting Manager of Water Resources – Iqaluit, NU
 Kevin Buck, Manager of Water Resources – Iqaluit, NU

Attached.

TECHNICAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: Aug. 27/09

To: Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Stéphane Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

From: David Abernethy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Re: **WATER LICENSE #2AM-MEA0815, AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LTD.,
MEADOWBANK GOLD MINE, KIVALLIQ REGION, SUBMISSION OF
INDEPENDENT GEOTECHNICAL EXPERT REVIEW PANEL
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A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On July 30/09 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed the Meadowbank Dike Review Board's (MDRB) Report No. 3, dated June 18/09, and the Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder Associates) July 20/09 response memorandum on behalf of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM). These submissions are the result of a June 12/09 meeting between the MDRB, Golder Associates, and AEM at the Meadowbank site. These were submitted to the Board as per Part I, Item #14 of AEM's Type A water license.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

The following comments / recommendations are provided for your consideration,

1. Bay-Goose Dike Drawings and Specifications

- Section 2 of the Golder Associates response memorandum states that, "The comments on the specifications provided by Mr. Rattue are appreciated and are currently under review." INAC is requesting AEM to submit documentation that discusses how Mr. Rattue's observations for consideration have been addressed.

2. TSF Stormwater Dike and Saddle Dam No. 1

- Section 3 of the Golder Associates response states that, "A technical memorandum discussing the geomembranes of the structures has been prepared and will be discussed with the Board during the next meeting. The document also discusses the foundation preparation activities for the structures." INAC is requesting AEM to submit this memorandum along

with any reports that were produced following the July 20/09 MDRB site visit.

3. Consideration of Previous INAC Technical Review Memorandum Submissions

- INAC is requesting that AEM include in the documentation noted previously details that explain how the comments and recommendations provided in INAC's Mar. 27/09 Technical Review Memorandum (submitted of the Nunavut Water Board) regarding Golder Associates *Bay-Goose Dike and South Camp Dike Design Report*, dated Feb. 2/09 and *Tailings Storage Facility Dike Design Report*, dated Dec. 17/08 have been addressed.

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