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Subject: Agnico-Eagle Meadowbank; Submission of a Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan for the Meadowbank Gold Mine; Licence 2AM-MEA0815

Dear Mr. Robert;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges the receipt of the above document under Part I, Item 2 of Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815. The Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan was distributed upon receipt for review and comment to interested persons with a submission deadline of October 6, 2008.

The technical review of the Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan has been completed. Comments on the Plan were received from Environment Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs and should be reviewed by the Licensee. The Board has taken into consideration the information submitted and hereby accepts and approves the Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan dated August 2008 under **Motion 2008-17-A1-04**. The Licensee is to submit within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this approval, an addendum to address the following issues:

1. The citations on page 25 should be updated as identified in the comments made by Environment Canada;
2. The list of parameters in Table 3-3: Summary of Sampling Requirements for each Analyte does not include total metals which would be measured prior to filtration;
3. The trigger levels on page 35 should be clarified as indicated by Environment Canada in their comments with reference to pH;
4. In Section 3.1.2.3 it is stated that the dike for the pit lakes will only be breached once the water in the pit lakes meets MMER criteria and territorial drinking water guidelines. However, the Licensee stated in the "Proposed Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering at the Meadowbank Mine" document that "AEM proposes to breach the dikes only where water quality within the pit lakes meets CCME Aquatic Life Guidelines (CCME, 2006), background lake concentrations, or other risk based assessment criteria as determined through aquatic effects studies and/or an approval process initiated through the Nunavut Water Board and KIA." The criteria in the Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan should be updated with the correct water quality guidelines; and

5. The coordinates of all known sampling points should be provided in the Plan.

In addition to the addendum mention above further addendums will be required as the coordinates of new sampling points are identified. These further updates are to be provided in the form of an addendum and submitted with the Annual Report as per Part B, Item 20 of the Licence.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (867) 360-6338, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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