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Re: Final Closure Plan Submission - Meadowbank

Dear Ms. Wilson,

Agnico Eagle Mines (Agnico Eagle) is submitting this formal request based on the existing obligation with regards to submission of a Final Closure Plan for the Meadowbank operation.

As you know, based on the Water License 2AM-MEA1525, Part J, Item 3, Agnico Eagle has an obligation to submit to the Nunavut Water Board the Meadowbank Final Closure and Reclamation Plan in Q3 of the 2017 calendar year. The Meadowbank Final Closure and Reclamation Plan requires to be submitted for revision and approval at least twelve (12) months prior to the expected end of planned mining.

Water License 2AM-MEA1525

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT, RECLAMATION AND PART J: CLOSURE

3. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval at least twelve (12) months prior to the expected end of planned mining, a Final Closure and Reclamation Plan. (...)

This milestone is based on the existing Life of Mine (LOM) for Meadowbank, which will be exhausted in Q3 of the 2018 calendar year. Based on this, Agnico Eagle would like to request the adjustment of this milestone related to the end of planned mining, which is part of the Water License Part J, Item 3.

The reason for an adjusted milestone is based on a possible approval of the Whale Tail Pit Project Application; permitting process for this Project is currently in progress. Agnico Eagle wants to ensure compliance with the obligations stated in the Water License. If an approval for the Whale Tail Pit Project is received, the LOM at Meadowbank would be adjusted including the Whale Tail Pit Project, and the requested milestone for Part J, Item 3 would therefore be aligned with the revised LOM.



Agnico Eagle is proposing the following:

1. Change the milestone in Part J, Item 3 to December 1st 2017 or until the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) sends the Minister the recommendation on our Environmental Assessment (EA) and associated application for Whale Tail.
 - a. This is the proposed time that NIRB would have an opinion on the Whale Tail EA. If the recommendation is favorable on the Whale Tail EA and application, Agnico Eagle would adjust this milestone and not require a submission of a Final Closure Plan; secondly, it will not create additional review by Government agencies of a document that could be obsolete in 2018.
 - b. If the recommendation is unfavorable on the Whale Tail EA and application, Agnico Eagle will complete a Care and Maintenance Plan, as required in the Water License, Part J, Item 5.
2. Based on Item 1 noted above, Agnico Eagle would submit an updated Interim Closure Plan in Q1 of the 2018 calendar year, related to the applicable LOM at this period.

Could you please review and confirm if you are in support of this change.

You can contact the undersigned if you have any questions or if you require clarification on this request.

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Regards,

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