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> Your file - Votre référence 2AM-MEA1525

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Our file - Notre référence CIDM# 1227966

Richard Dwyer Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Sent via email:licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) review of Updated Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan – Meadowbank Gold Project under Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MEA1525.

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank-you for the email notice, received on August 23, 2018, regarding the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) for the Meadowbank Gold Project.

CIRNAC reviewed the plan, pursuant to its mandated responsibilities from the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*, and has no concerns with the ICRP plan for the currently approved Meadowbank Gold Project activities.

It is noted that this version of the ICRP does not include Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's request for "In-pit Tailings Disposition in Portage and Goose Pit". If the request is approved, the ICRP along with other relevant management plans will need to be updated in a timely fashion to reflect the changes to the project.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact me at 867-222-9278 or ian.parsons@canada.ca or Michelle Blade at 867-975-3877 or michelle.blade@canada.ca

Regards,

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