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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Quesnel:

## RE: NPC File # 149337 [Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine, Nunavut]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

- 1. Agnico Eagle proposes to:
  - •convey water from the mine site to Melvin Bay using a waterline to be installed along the existing right-of-way, rather than the current trucking method, and;
  - •replace and update current discharge line and engineered diffuser (running from Itivia into Melvin Bay for marine discharge) using directional drilling method to reduce impacts of tides and ice on pipe and reduce visual impact.
- 2. Location: Kivalliq Region; [near Rankin Inlet]

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued June 2011, and amended Jan. 5 2018, file 148672), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including the full impact of the then-proposed Meliadine mine (NIRB FILE NO.: 11MN034), and NWB file 2AM-MEL1631. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the change in method of transportation of saline effluent to a waterline and updates to the discharge line into the

marine environment using directional drilling. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening.

Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149337&sessionid=

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

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