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Re: Issuance of NIRB's Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment 002 for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is issuing the amended Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment 002 for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034) to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle), pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.8.3 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 112(10) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*). These amendments are the outcome of the Board's assessment of a modification to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project as proposed by Agnico Eagle in the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal (the Waterlines Proposal). The Board's assessment of the Waterlines Proposal was conducted as a formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Agnico Eagle's existing Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 001 (the Project Certificate).

In July 2021, the NIRB issued its Reconsideration Report and Recommendations¹ (the NIRB's Report and Recommendations) recommending that the Waterlines Proposal be allowed to proceed to the permitting stage, subject to several recommended changes to the Project Certificate. On January 31, 2022, the Minister of Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Responsible Ministers issued his decision² (the Ministers' Decision) accepting the Board's recommendation that the Waterlines Proposal be allowed to proceed, approving and, in some cases, varying the Board's recommended

¹ Public Registry ID: 336375

² Public Registry ID: 337809

changes to the terms and conditions of the Project Certificate. These changes to the terms and conditions of the Project Certificate were discussed during the Board's recent Project Certificate Workshop held on February 21, 2022, and the enclosed version of the Project Certificate (Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 002) and incorporates the new and amended terms and conditions recommended by the Board as varied by the Minister and reflects the Board's consideration of feedback from the Workshop in respect of commentary and corrections necessary to support implementation of the Project Certificate as revised. As of March 2, 2022, the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment 002 are now in effect.

The NIRB would like to thank all parties who participated during the reconsideration process for Project Certificate No. 006, and for identifying clarifications to commentary prior to the finalization of the amended Project Certificate by the Board. For the information of all parties, the NIRB has produced a companion document to the amended Project Certificate which identifies through highlighted text and in tracked changes format all revisions made to the March 2, 2022 amended Project Certificate (enclosed). The Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 002 and all documents associated with the Board's assessment of the Waterlines Proposal can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125515.

The NIRB will continue to monitor the Meliadine Gold Mine Project in accordance with Part 7, Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135 of the *NuPPAA*, and in accordance with the amended terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 002.

The NIRB looks forward to working with Agnico Eagle and all parties to ensure that Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 002 is fully implemented and achieves the identified objectives.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment No. 002, please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Karen Costello directly at (867) 983-4608 or via email at kcostello@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Kaviq Kaluraq
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (2): *Amended NIRB Project Certificate No. 006 (NIRB File No. 11MN034, dated March 2, 2022)*
Amended NIRB Project Certificate No. 006 – Companion Document

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