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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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**File No: 2AM-MEL1631/
Request for Emergency Amendment**

April 9, 2020

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**Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631 Emergency Amendment
Application, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, Meliadine Project;**

Dear Mr. Manzo:

By way of this correspondence, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt of the Kivalliq Inuit Association’s (KivIA) request for additional time to complete presentations and prepare for the NWB teleconference proposed to take place on Wednesday, April 15 regarding the emergency amendment to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited’s (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

The Board would like to clarify that while the primary purposes of this teleconference are to discuss whether the application should be processed on an emergency basis and to confirm if any additional technical information is required from Agnico Eagle, in addition to addressing these issues, the NWB expects the presentations prepared by the parties in advance of the teleconference to identify whether Agnico Eagle’s responses fully address the parties’ concerns, and if not, the parties are asked to specify what information remains to be provided and to identify any concerns that have yet to be addressed.

The Board will appreciate, if parties are able to identify their additional or remaining concerns and questions and provide them to the NWB and directly to Agnico Eagle by Monday, April 13, 2020, prior to their presentations submission on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will allow the Applicant to prepare its further responses for the teleconference, and make the process more efficient.

For the clarification of all parties, the Board has yet to determine whether to recommend to the Minister that the amendment application be considered as appropriate for consideration under emergency circumstances.

Additionally, the Board notes that the correspondence regarding the teleconference went to the distribution list as per NWB general practice, which includes the Kivalliq local organizations. With respect to whether the public will be able to call in, the NWB will be providing call in information for the teleconference on the final Agenda, but the Board notes that due to limits on teleconference capacity that we have all been experiencing over the last several weeks, the Board cannot guarantee that all call in participants will have access and be able to maintain stable access. Although recently, it is the Board's understanding that teleconference service providers have been working to increase capacity, the Board recognizes that the current communication challenges may limit participation by parties and the public. The Board remains committed to working with all parties to address these challenges as they arise.

The Board would also like to note that the KivIA's request for an extension received on April 8, 2020 was shared with Agnico Eagle, who did not object to the aspect of KivIA's request to extend the deadline for presentations submission from Thursday, April 9, 2020 to Tuesday, April 14, 2020. However, Agnico Eagle did object to delaying the teleconference from Wednesday, April 15, 2020 to Friday, April 17, 2020. Instead, Agnico Eagle proposed to shift the teleconference from the original schedules morning time slot to later in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in order to permit all parties with the opportunity to review the presentations filed on April 14 to support an efficient meeting.

Having considered the KivIA's request and Agnico Eagle's immediate response, by copy of this letter, the NWB grants the extension for submission of presentation materials, including if possible, plain language summaries in Inuktitut and French, to **April 14, 2020 (5:00 pm MST)**.

The proposed teleconference has been rescheduled to **9:00 am MST (11:00 am EDT) on Thursday, April 16, 2020.**

If you have any questions regarding this letter or procedural matters related to the file, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 27) or by email at licensing@nwb-oen.ca. For inquiries related to technical matters, please contact Sergey Kuflevskiy, Technical Advisor, by email at sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

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