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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's comments on
2AM-MEL1631 Roads Management Plan 2020 Update**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your January 7, 2020 email invitation to review and comment on the above-referenced management plan.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the submitted documents pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*, and would like to provide the following comments to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration.

On page one (1) of the updated plan, Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM) states:

"In 2020, a waterline will be laid down along the AWAR with the intent to convey saline water through a waterline to Itivia. This infrastructure will be placed in 2020, but will not be connected to the outfall until approvals are received, which is expected in 2021. Following this, saline water will no longer be hauled by truck on the AWAR."

CIRNAC notes the absence of any prior discussion of this proposed waterline along the AWAR for saline water discharge and the lack of any information associated with the waterline (e.g., layout of the waterline with relation to the AWAR, size and material of the pipe, pumping, etc.) and its construction.



CIRNAC would like to request that AEM provide the information necessary on the proposed waterline so that the updated plan could be reviewed properly.

CIRNAC would also like to remind AEM that should this proposed new infrastructure fall outside the scope of the approved project, appropriate approvals from other authorities and regulatory agencies may need to be obtained before it could be considered by the Nunavut Water Board.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. If there is any question, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or david.zhong@canada.ca or Mr. Godwin Okonkwo, Manager of Water Resources, at (867) 975-4550 or godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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