



February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Following your January 31<sup>st</sup> email, please find below Agnico Eagle's response to CIRNAC's comments on Agnico Eagle's updated Roads Management Plan.

I remain available should you have any questions or require further information.

With my best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara Savoie".

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***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.***

Agnico Eagle updated the Meliadine Roads Management Plan as a result of the updated strategy for conveying saline water to Itivia area (Melvin Bay/Hudson Bay).

In 2019 Agnico Eagle began transporting treated saline water by truck (from the underground mine to the Itivia area) for discharge to sea, resulting in increased traffic on both the AWAR and the Bypass road.

To accommodate increased saline water volume on site, a multi-year approach is proposed to manage this excess saline water long term for the Mine. To manage the water in the short term (2020) an increased volume being discharged to sea is planned for 2020, which will be conveyed by trucks along the AWAR and the bypass road.

In order to reduce traffic along the AWAR and bypass road, and as part of an adaptive management long term solution, a waterline will be placed along the AWAR and the Bypass road as per Kivalliq Inuit Association Lease #KVRW11F02 which provides for use of works for the conveyance of water for use in mining operations. Once the required approvals are received, the waterline will be connected to the outfall and convey water directly from site to Melvin Bay.

Agnico Eagle is preparing a formal application for submission to NIRB for the proposed waterline and this application will contain all necessary information regarding the waterline.

Furthermore, Agnico Eagle is planning public consultations in Rankin Inlet with regards to the proposed waterline. Once dates and venues are confirmed, CIRNAC will be notified and invited to participate as per common practice.

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

The details on the proposed waterline will be included in the formal application Agnico Eagle will submit to NIRB and these details will be presented to the public during the public consultations process.

***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.***

The proposed waterline falls within the scope of the approved project as conveying saline water with piping infrastructure was presented in the 2014 FEIS submission (volume SD 2-1, section 5.10).