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Re: Agnico Eagle's response to Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada comments on 2AM-MEL1631 Roads Management Plan 2020 Update.

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your February 11, 2020 email requesting CIRNAC to confirm by February 18, 2020 whether Agnico Eagle's response has addressed CIRNAC's comments on the 2AM-MEL1631 Roads Management Plan 2020 Update.

CIRNAC's concern was on the proposed waterline along the AWAR for saline water discharge. CIRNAC appreciates the additional information and clarification provided by Agnico Eagle in its response to CIRNAC's comments. In particular, CIRNAC notes the following statements in Agnico Eagle's response:

"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."

It is clear that the proposed waterline has yet to be submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for a review. Consequently, CIRNAC recommends that waterline construction be permitted only after the applicable regulatory reviews have been completed and the approvals obtained.



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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