

December 16th, 2016

Karen Kharatyan Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Re: Agnico Eagle Mines - Meliadine Division Response to Jetty CP-1 and Jetty CP-5 Final Design and Construction Drawings Recommendation

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

As requested, the following information and comments are intended to address the recommendation outlined in the below letter:

- INAC – December 12, 2016, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Design Plan for Jetty-CP1 and Jetty-CP5 Water Licence #2AM-MEL1631.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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1) Source: Design report for Jetty-CP1 and Jetty-CP5, Section 4 Construction, Subsection 4.2.1

Comment: Subsection 4.2.1 Run-of-Mine or Class A borrow material from Esker This section states "The rockfill required for earth work construction can be sourced from eskers (borrow pits) or from non-acid generating (NAG) run-of-mine waste (mine) rock."

Recommendation: All material being used to build the jetties must be shown to be non-acid-generating. Given the nature of the two choices AEM should use material sourced from eskers (less likely to be ARD) for the construction of the jetties even though the plan states that the run-of mine waste rock is NAG.

Agnico Eagle Mines response:

As per Agnico Eagle's final design and construction drawings report and based on availabilities, NAG run-of-mine or NAG Class A esker material will be used to build the jetties. The use of coarse rock material will ensure stability of the infrastructures. Agnico Eagle Mines will also comply with the approved "Borrow Pits and Quarries Management Plan" (April 2015).