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RE: Design Reports & Drawings for the SETP Water Treatment Complex and Ore Storage Pad 2 and the O&M Manual for the SETP; Meliadine Project; Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631

Dear Ms. Paquet:

This correspondence is in response to the submission of a construction design reports entitled “*Design Report, Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP-WTC)*”, dated December 2021, and “*Ore Storage Pad 2 Stage 2 Design Report and Drawings*”, dated February 2022, which were provided to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on February 21, 2022 and February 22, 2022, respectively, to fulfill the requirements of Part D, Item 1 of Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence). Additionally, on February 22, 2022, the Licensee has provided to the Board an Operation & Maintenance Manual entitled “*Operation & Maintenance Manual, Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP-WTC) Water Treatment Complex*”, dated January 2022, which was updated to reflect the changes related to the upgrades.

The above submissions included the final design report for the Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP), which will be relocated to the Water Treatment Complex (WTC) building previously approved by the Board, and the final design report for the expansion of the Ore Storage Pad 2 due to the Site Water Treatment Plant occupying 8,000 m² that were previously allocated for ore storage.

Upon receipt, the above submissions were distributed for public review and comments with a deadline of March 25, 2022. On or before the deadline, the comments were received from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). On April 19, 2022, Agnico Eagle provided their responses to the parties' comments, for which CIRNA, ECCC and the KivIA confirmed their satisfaction on April 26, 2022, June 13, 2022 and June 20, 2022, respectively.

Copies of all documents received during public review can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following links:

- Saline Effluent Treatment Plant – Water Treatment Complex:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/D%20CONSTRUCTION/SETP%20Water%20Treatment%20Complex>

- Ore Storage Pad 2 Stage 2:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/D%20CONSTRUCTION/Ore%20Storage%20Pad%20%232%20Stage%202>

- Operation & Maintenance Manual Saline Effluent Treatment Plant:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/F%20WASTE%20DISP>

By copy of this letter, the Board acknowledges that the construction design reports entitled “*Design Report, Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP-WTC)*”, dated December 2021, and “*Ore Storage Pad 2 Stage 2 Design Report and Drawings*”, dated February 2022, address the requirements of the Licence, and has accepted the aforementioned Reports, as per Part D, Item 1 of the Licence. Additionally, with the issuance of this letter, the Board has accepted the updated Operation & Maintenance Manual entitled “*Operation & Maintenance Manual, Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP-WTC) Water Treatment Complex*”, dated January 2022.

The Licensee is advised that the Board's "acceptance" of the above mentioned documents is a verification that the proposed activities are consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence, and more specifically with Part D, Item 2, and may proceed in accordance with the Report and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's "acceptance" is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the documents.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (extension 29) or sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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