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RE: MEADOWBANK MINE - AMENDMENT/RECONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT CERTIFICATE (No. 004/ File No. 03MN107) AND AMENDMENT TO THE TYPE A WATER LICENCE (No. 2AM-MEA1525)

Dear Mr. Barry and Ms. Autut:

Agnico Eagle is seeking approval to extend the Meadowbank Mine to include development of resources from Whale Tail Pit (the Project). As per the letter Agnico Eagle submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on May 25, 2016¹, and consistent with NIRB's letter dated June 20, 2016², Agnico Eagle is requesting a reconsideration of the current Project Certificate issued by the NIRB and an amendment to the Type A Water Licence.

Agnico Eagle believes the NIRB should complete a reconsideration of the current Project Certificate NIRB 004. Should NIRB determine that this project is a significant modification under Section 146 of NUPPA, Agnico Eagle requests that NIRB conduct an assessment by reconsideration under Part 3. Irrespective of the decision, Agnico Eagle deems this submission complete and has submitted an Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Addendum as an "amendment" to the activities previously assessed and approved by NIRB. The application has been completed consistent with the requirements of the Guidelines (NIRB 2004)³.

As per the Project Certificate Item 29, Agnico Eagle has reported "to NIRB if and when [Agnico Eagle] develops plans for an expansion of the Meadowbank Gold Mine" and herein is submitting the FEIS Addendum application. More specifically, following the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) land use conformity determination, NIRB's letter on June 16, 2016⁴ requested that Agnico Eagle submit the Whale Tail Pit project proposal which should contain the following information:

- *NIRB's Online Application Form (formerly the NIRB Part 1 form in English);*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in Inuktitut; and*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut.*

¹ Agnico Eagle (2016). Letter dated May 25th, 2016. Titled: NIRB File 03MN107 Meadowbank Mine – Amendment to Project Certificate

² NIRB (Nunavut Impact Review Board). June 20, 2016. Letter to Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Regarding: Comment Request on Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Request for Reconsideration of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate for the "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal.

³ NIRB (Nunavut Impact Review Board). 2004. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Meadowbank Project. February 2004.

⁴ NIRB(Nunavut Impact Review Board). June 16, 2016. Letter to Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Regarding: NPC determination and Referral Required for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal.



The submission includes:

- Volume 1 – Project Description;
- Volume 2 – Environmental Overview and Type A Water Licence document; and
- Volume 3 through Volume 8 - series of complementary documents to provide a full understanding of the technical and scientific aspects of the Project, which includes:
 - Volume 3 – Assessment Methods;
 - Volume 4 – Atmospheric Environment;
 - Volume 5 – Terrestrial Environment;
 - Volume 6 – Freshwater Environment;
 - Volume 7 – Human Environment; and
 - Volume 8 – Monitoring, Mitigation, and Management Plans.

Agnico Eagle has provided the FEIS documents to guide the review of Whale Tail Pit and ensure a timely and fulsome assessment. Furthermore it has provided links to the original FEIS to reintroduce NIRB to the FEIS (Cumberland in 2005)⁵, which assessed the Meadowbank Mill, Camp, Tailings Storage Facility and All Weather Access Road, which Agnico Eagle proposes to extend during the operation of Whale Tail Pit.

Concurrent with the reconsideration of the Project Certificate by the NIRB, Agnico Eagle is seeking an amendment to the Meadowbank Mine Type A Water Licence (No. 2AM-MEA1525) to include construction and operation of Whale Tail Pit and associated infrastructure from the NWB (refer to Volume 2).

The Type A Water Licence amendment has been prepared in accordance with the regulatory framework provided in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSTRA or Act), Nunavut Water Regulations (Regulation) and NWB established guidelines⁶. The required Application fee will be paid by credit card upon confirmation of receipt of the application.

In lieu of separate letters from Agnico Eagle, Agnico Eagle herein confirms the following:

- A list of Agnico Eagle representatives and external representatives for the purposes of this amendment are provided in the Project Description (see Volume 1, Section 1.1.2); and
- A Statement of Financial responsibility is also provided in the Project Description (also see Volume 2, Section 2.5.1).

Agnico Eagle would like to confirm that the company's financial responsibility is adequate for completion of the undertaking, mitigating adverse impact, ongoing maintenance, reclamation and restoration of the undertaking. Agnico Eagles' in confident in assuming its position taking into account is current ongoing and past performance in the Kivalliq region, Nunavut and Canada.

⁵ Cumberland (Cumberland Resources Ltd.). 2005. Meadowbank Gold Project, Final Environmental Impact Statement. October 2005. Cumberland Resources Ltd. Vancouver, British Columbia.

⁶ Guide 7 – Completing and submitting as Water Licence Application for a New Licence (April 2010); and NWB Draft Mining and Milling Supplemental Information Guideline (SIG) for Mine Development (MM3) (February 2010).



Agnico Eagle has provided detailed concordance assessment to assist the Boards in confirming concordance of the submission. The NIRB and NWB concordance assessments are provided in Volume 2, Appendix 2-B and Appendix 2-I, respectively. We trust the above and attached information meets the NIRB and NWB requirements for reconsideration/amendment of the Project Certificate and amendment of the Type A Water Licence.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Stéphane Robert or Ryan Vanengen (ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com) at stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com.

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Attachments:

- A – NIRB Part 1 and Part 2 Application Forms
- B – NWB Water Licence Amendment Form
- C – NPC Conformity Determination
- D – Non-Technical Summary (English/Inuktitut)
- E – Executive Summaries