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**Re: NIRB File No. 16MN056 Application No: 124683/ NWB File No. 2AM WTP ---- : Information Update  
Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd's " Whale Tail Pit" Project**

Dear Ms. Granchinho and Mr. Kharatyan,

On March 9, 2017 Agnico Eagle submitted an Errata to Appendix 6-I of the FEIS to Anne Wilson of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Agnico Eagle submitted a technical memo to Anne Wilson and Melissa Pinto of ECCC as supporting documentation to Volume 1 of the FEIS Appendix 1- E – Multiple Accounts Analysis. Attached you will find the Errata to Appendix 6-I and the technical memo for all parties to review.

Furthermore, Agnico Eagle believes it is important to keep the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and any interested party up-to-date on the status of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP) Mitigation Action Plan and fulfilling commitments made to the NIRB regarding revision and submissions of the TEMP throughout the review process and as such is providing this update. Within Agnico Eagle's Response to Information Request (IRs) provided to the NIRB on January 20, 2017, Agnico Eagle acknowledged the various IRs received from the parties related to Wildlife and Wildlife Management and Agnico Eagle proposed a path forward to addressing these IRs through a TEMP Mitigation Action Plan (refer to IRs GN-10 and KIVIA-IR-Terrestrial-03). Agnico Eagle has provided a summary of the steps and current status update below.

**Step 1 – Initial Draft**

With commitment by Agnico Eagle to provide revised draft to be provided to the NIRB and any interested parties at least two weeks in advance of NIRBs deadline for technical comments from the Parties. Based on NIRB correspondence related to deadline for technical comments of March 28, 2017 the revised draft is due to NIRB and parties on March 14, 2017.

***Status: Complete*** *An Initial working draft (dated January 2017) was prepared by Agnico Eagle and provided to the GN, KIA, and HTO workshop participants to enhance our discussions during*



*the February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Workshop hosted in Ottawa. The January 2017 draft included general updates to current standards and addressed many of the NIRB IRs on file.*

## **Step 2 – Present Initial Draft to Workshop**

Agnico Eagle hosted a workshop on February 22-23 in Ottawa that included representatives from the Kivalliq Inuiat Association (KivIA), the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GNDoE) and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) from Baker Lake.

***Status: Complete***

## **Step 3 – Ongoing collaboration and a multifaceted team approach**

Results of the workshop identified the following action items/commitments moving forward:

- Increase operational level mitigation actions and refinements based on activities including mine operations, haul road activities and blasting;
- Complete a viewscape (viewshed analysis) along the existing Meadowbank All-Weather Access Road (AWAR), the proposed Height of Land (HOL) survey locations and the proposed Amaruq haul road; and
- Collaborate with the GNDoE on an analysis of caribou movements along the existing AWAR to further understand potential implications of the proposed Whale Tail Pit haul road on caribou movements.

Other additional minor editorial changes and revisions were also made in the TEMP and will be included in the revised *draft* version that is anticipated in mid-April for prior to the Technical Sessions, for discussion, during the technical meetings. This timeline was agreed upon by workshop participants as it was understood that there would not be sufficient time to review and revise following the workshop and prior to the technical comment submissions. Throughout the course of the workshop changes and edits were made to the initial draft through discussions in a live edit process. Consequently, workshop participants (KIA, GN, HTO) are aware of the changes made in the subsequent version of the TEMP.

***Status: Ongoing***

## **Step 4/5– Incorporation of Technical Comments into Revised TEMP**

***Status: Pending.*** Agnico Eagle proposes to provide the Revised TEMP immediately following the technical meetings.

## **Step 6 – Final TEMP revision following issuance of Project Certificate**



**Status: Pending.** *Agnico Eagle and key stakeholders and partners recognize there may be a need for one more workshop prior to the final hearing and issuance of the Project Certificate. Agnico Eagle is looking at dates between late May and mid-June for the next workshop.*

Agnico Eagle acknowledges that any effective plan needs to be continually updated to reflect success and lessons learned through operations and feedback from experts as new approaches and learnings are realized. Agnico Eagle believes that a holistic approach to the revision of the TEMP will provide a solid foundation for mitigation, monitoring and management for wildlife as part of the Whale Tail Project and Meadowbank Mine. The revised TEMP will reflect realistic and sustainable monitoring and mitigation recommendations from stakeholders, and not limited to the workshop attendees. However, it should be noted that during both workshops, the spirit of the workshop focused on collaboration and partnerships; revisions and edits to the TEMP were largely the result of consensus-based discussions amongst all parties. Consequently, Agnico Eagle looks forward to future collaboration and improvements to the TEMP amongst all parties.

If you have any questions regarding the Errata, technical memorandum supporting document and TEMP Mitigation Action Plan or revised TEMP please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Regards,

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