
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division (Agnico Eagle) is proposing an expansion to the approved Whale Tail Pit and Haul Road Project (referred to as the Expansion Project). The expansion and extension is proposed to include: a larger Whale Tail open pit, development of the IVR open pit, associated IVR Waste Rock Storage Facility and IVR Attenuation Pond, as well as underground operations while continuing to operate and process ore at the Meadowbank Mine. The project is located on Inuit Owned Land approximately 150 kilometres (km) north of the hamlet of Baker Lake and approximately 50 km north of Meadowbank Mine in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. The Expansion Project is designed to operate as a satellite of the main Meadowbank facilities and will be accessed by the existing approved haul road. Transportation to the mine site (marine barging, airstrip, and transportation along the all-weather access road), housing and handling will remain the same as authorized under Project Certificate No. 004 and/or Project Certificate No. 008. The Expansion Project is subject to reconsideration of the Project Certificate (No. 008) by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, Agnico Eagle is seeking to amend the Type A Water Licence (2AM-WTP1826).

The Expansion Project will begin as soon as approval and permits for the amendment applications are received (anticipated for mid 2020). The operational phase of the Approved and Expansion Project will span from Year 1 (2019) to Year 7 (2025). Mining activities are expected to end in Year 7 (2025) and ore processing is expected to end during Year 8 (2026). Closure will occur from Year 8 (2026) to Year 24 (2042) after the completion of mining and will include removal of the non-essential site infrastructure and flooding of the mined-out open pits and underground, as well as re-establishment of the natural Whale Tail Lake water level.

The Expansion Project is an extension of mining operations for the Approved Project that has existing and licensed waste and water management facilities. Consistent with the Approved Project, water management infrastructure includes: contact water collection ponds, freshwater collection ponds, diversion channels, retention dikes, dams, culverts, water treatment plants for effluent, potable water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, and discharge diffusers. Additional Groundwater Storage Ponds, IVR dikes and diversions, as well as contact water collection systems will be put in place to effectively manage and mitigate impacts to water.

The approved Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility will continue to be used for the expansion; however, the waste storage facilities will be expanded vertically and horizontally to the southeast. The newly proposed IVR Waste Rock Storage Facility will accommodate waste rock and overburden generated from the IVR Pit. The waste rock storage footprint, water management infrastructure, and camp have been designed consistent with the Approved Project and will accommodate growth of the project within the modified project footprint. The existing underground Waste Rock Storage Facility permitted under the Type B Water Licence 2BB-MEA1828 will have an increased footprint to accommodate additional waste storage and groundwater of the underground mine. Consistent with the approved Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit operations, a classification system will be used to

identify and safely store NPAG, PAG, and ML rock. PAG mine rock will be stored in the designated storage areas designed for long-term geochemical and geotechnical stability.

Upon approval of the expansion, the Meadowbank Mine facility will continue to operate as an approved mining and milling operation (Project Certificate No. 004 and Type A Water Licence 2AM-MEA1526); as a result, Agnico Eagle is looking to extend the milling and tailings storage at Meadowbank Mine, through the Expansion Project. No new infrastructure is required at the existing Meadowbank Mine to support the Expansion Project. Agnico Eagle proposes to process the Whale Tail ore and placement of the tailings slurry at the existing Meadowbank Mine Tailing Storage Facility as approved by NIRB Project Certificate No. 008 and Type A Water Licence 2AM MEA1526. By extending the life of mine at Whale Tail Pit and Meadowbank, Agnico Eagle will progressively close portions of these sites while operating. The closure strategies for the Expansion Project are consistent with the approved Whale Tail Pit Project and securities for the expansion will be arranged with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and Kivalliq Inuit Association and posted in accordance with Type A 2AM-WTP1826.

Since 2016, Agnico Eagle has continued to collect baseline data, which has been incorporated into the updated environmental assessment to identify and assess potential environmental and social effects resulting from the Expansion Project and in support of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Type A Water Licence Amendment Application filed in 2016. The results of the environmental assessment found that with mitigation, the Expansion Project would not cause long-term significant negative effects resulting from proposed construction, operations, and closure.

Agnico Eagle has developed monitoring and management programs required to mitigate, monitor, and report on its environmental performance against the regulatory requirements contained within its Whale Tail Pit, and Meadowbank operating authorizations, permits, licenses, and leases consistent with the legal requirements of applicable Acts and Regulations in Nunavut. Where appropriate, existing Meadowbank Mine plans or Whale Tail Pit stand-alone plans have been updated or addendums have been added to reflect the Expansion Project, and Whale Tail Project Certificate requirements. These existing and approved programs will focus on ensuring impacts to waste and water, are consistent with those predicted for the Approved Project. The accuracy of the environmental impact predictions and the effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be verified through monitoring and annual reporting. If unusual or unforeseen adverse environmental impacts are noticed, corrective action will be put in place. Through the adaptive management process, the existing mitigation measures will be adjusted or new mitigation measures implemented if necessary. External reporting will be completed, as required.

The economic effects of the Expansion Project are substantial and are expected to be of significant benefit to the territory. The Expansion Project is expected to generate 99 new employment opportunities for Nunavummiut incremental to those created by the Approved Project, and extend employment and incomes for the Approved Project workforce until 2026. The Expansion Project will

continue to have positive effects in communities for an extended period, in terms of household incomes and associated access to nutritious food, recreation, education, and resources with which to conduct traditional activities. Similarly, the Expansion Project will continue support for community programming and educational initiatives, as well as IIBAs royalties and commitments. Health and safety training over the operational life of the Expansion Project is also expected to continue to be of benefit to communities.

Since operations of Meadowbank Mine began, Agnico Eagle has continued public consultation by annually meeting with the community and local stakeholders within the Kivalliq Region, regulatory agencies and local employees. This has allowed a better general understanding of the rights, interests, values, aspirations, and concerns of the potentially affected stakeholders, with particular reference to Baker Lake. Through this continued consultation, Agnico Eagle has developed an operational culture that recognizes and respects these relevant interests in the planning and executing processes. Agnico Eagle has consulted with local stakeholders and regulators regarding ongoing operations of the Whale Tail Pit and haul road development, as well as proposed Expansion Project.

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