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- Government of Canada including:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Health Canada
 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
 - Natural Resources Canada
 - Transport Canada

The Whale Tail Pit project proposal and all the technical review comments as received by the NIRB can be accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Whale Tail Pit Project
- NIRB File No.: 16MN056
- Application No.: 124683

On or before March 28, 2017 the NWB received technical review comment submissions from the following parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Canada including:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

The technical comments received from Intervening parties, the submission from Agnico Eagle, the Type "A" Water Licence Application and associated documents for the Whale Tail Pit project can be accessed online from the NWB's online public registry at ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP----%20Agnico/.

As previously indicated, the NIRB and the NWB would like to offer Agnico Eagle an opportunity to provide an overview response to the technical review comments to facilitate the discussions at the upcoming Technical Meeting in Baker Lake (*April 28 – April 29, 2017*) and requests that the response be provided to the NIRB by **April 7, 2017**. Should Agnico Eagle require additional time to formulate its response to parties' comments, the NIRB and NWB request that it advise our offices of its anticipated timeline for a response as soon as practicable, keeping in mind the NIRB and the NWB's previous request that any response be provided at least 10 days' prior to the commencement of the Technical Meeting.

Agnico Eagle's response should briefly outline its understanding of the main issues raised in the technical comments and its proposed plans to address and resolve these issues and related concerns through its upcoming submission, including a draft list of commitments if possible. The draft list of commitments should also include an indication of Agnico Eagle's plans to satisfy any Information Requests directed to Agnico Eagle where a response was deferred to a later stage in the Review process (technical review, technical meeting), development of the submission following the Pre-Hearing Conference, or during the licensing/permitting/authorization application phase. The NIRB and the NWB will consider providing time at the beginning of the Technical Meeting for Agnico Eagle to present its response to parties, which should be intended to focus the following discussion on the most

appropriate items. The Boards asks that Agnico Eagle be prepared to provide sufficient printed copies of any related presentation materials for parties in attendance at the meeting.

The NIRB and the NWB would like to remind Agnico Eagle that all response(s) to the technical comment submissions on the Whale Tail Pit project proposal and on the Type “A” Water Licence Application should be submitted to each Board independently. Submissions to the NIRB should be provided directly to info@nirb.ca or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca. Submissions to the NWB should be provided directly to licensing@nwb-oen.ca. All submissions are to be provided to the NIRB and the NWB by **April 7, 2017**.

Summary of Important Dates

In closing, as we move closer to the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for the NIRB’s Review and the NWB’s consideration of the Application by Agnico Eagle in respect of the proposed Whale Tail Pit Project, the Boards would like to remind all parties of the following important dates:

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| April 7, 2017: | Agnico Eagle to provide response(s) to technical review comments. Parties given an opportunity to review responses from Agnico Eagle |
| April 19, 2017 | 1) Parties submit comments to the NIRB and the NWB regarding the <i>Draft</i> Technical Meeting Agenda, including requests for additional time for presentation of issues 2) Indicate whether French interpretation and/or special audio-visual equipment will be required at the Hearing (indicate which audio-visual equipment will be required). 3) Requests for access from media outlets to record Hearing proceedings (film, photograph, audio). |
| April 21, 2017 | 1) Parties’ presentations (English, Inuktitut, and French, if possible) provided electronically to the NIRB and the NWB and confirmation of attendance. |
| April 24, 2017 | 1) The Boards release <i>Final</i> Technical Meeting Agenda |

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB’s Review of the Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 857-4829. If you have any questions on the NWB’s consideration of the Water Licence Application, please contact Karén Kharatyan, Acting Manager, Licensing at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 35).

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Nunavut Water Board

cc: *NIRB*: Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution List
 NWB: Meadowbank Distribution List
 Stéphane Robert, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
 Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
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