

NWB File No.: 2AM-WTP----NIRB File No.: 16MN056

July 27, 2017

Whale Tail Pit Distribution List

Subject: NWB's processing of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Type "A" Water Licence

Application 2AM-WTP---- and Amendments to the Type "A" Water Licence

2AM-MEA1525

Dear Parties:

On July 17, 2017, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) issued a Notice of *in person* Public Hearing (PH) in respect of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) application for a Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-WTP--- for the Whale Tail Pit project and potential consequential amendments to the Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEA1525 for the Meadowbank Gold Mine project, pursuant to subsection 55(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

At this time, the NWB would like to remind parties about key dates prior to PH as per NIRB/NWB joint Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) Report.

- All final written submissions regarding the Type "A" Water Licence Application 2AM-WTP---- and consequential amendments to Type A" Water Licence 2AM-MEA1525 to be provided by Interveners must be filed with the NWB on or before Monday, August 14, 2017;
- All further and final responses from Agnico Eagle to the information filed to date must be filed with the Board on or before **Monday**, **August 28**, **2017**; and
- Any presentations (e.g. PowerPoint Presentations, etc.) upon which anyone intends to rely
 at the Public Hearing must be filed with the Board on or before **Tuesday**, **September 5**,
 2017.

If the Interveners and/or the Applicant file additional written submissions, final responses and presentation materials as outlined above, they are also required to provide an **Executive Summary** of their written submissions in both English and Inuktitut and fully translated copies of their presentation materials or final responses in English and Inuktitut at the same time as they file the full submission.

The Board also requires any party requesting special equipment at the Public Hearing and/or French translation of the Executive Summary materials, presentation materials and/or requesting the Board to provide simultaneous French interpretation at the Public Hearing should make such requests to the Board in writing on or before **Monday, August 14, 2017**.

NWB Public Hearing

The NWB Public Hearing will be held in the community of Baker Lake in **September 26-27, 2017** immediately following the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Final Hearing. Evening session will be conducted in **September 26, 2017** to provide members of the community with an opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours. While the draft agenda for the Final Hearing will be circulated in the coming weeks to all parties, once finalized it may also be adjusted as necessary during the proceedings at the discretion of the NWB Chair of Hearing.

Steps following the Public Hearing

As indicated in the PHC Report the NWB's Public Hearing Record will remain open until after the NIRB has issued its Final Hearing Report and Applicant and parties have been given the opportunity to file materials to supplement the NWB's Public Hearing Record as they may consider to be necessary.

If the NIRB's Final Hearing Report recommends that the project proposal be allowed to proceed to licensing and the Responsible Minister(s) accept the NIRB's recommendation, the NWB will remit the application to its Panel for decision-making. When the Panel has reached a decision, which is typically within thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days after the close of the Public Hearing Record, the NWB will issue its Record of Proceedings and Decision to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs. If the Panel recommends the issuance of a new Type "A" Water Licence and consequential amendments to the existing Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MEA1525, a draft of a new Licence and a draft or recommended amendments would also be provided for the Minister's consideration.

Should you have questions regarding the NWB's upcoming Public Hearing, please contact the undersigned directly at licensing@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 or by email for any technical and procedural inquiries.

Regards,

Karen Kharatyan, A/Manager of Licensing

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