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Sent Via Email: info@nirb.ca

Re: NIRB File No. 16MN056: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Granchinho,

Thank you for your letter dated November 25th, 2016 requesting interested parties to submit information requests on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Whale Tail Pit proposed project. I am responding on behalf of the Federal departments including, Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Fisheries and Oceans, Environment and Climate Change, Natural Resources and Transport Canada.

The federal departments have reviewed the information provided in the draft environmental impact statement. Please find attached comments from Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Fisheries and Oceans, Natural Resources Canada and Environment and Climate Change for the Whale Tail Pit project proposal. (Attachments 1-5)

A contact list from federal departments is also attached. (6)

We look forward to participating in further stages of the review of this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Tineka Simmons

A/ Director General

Northern Projects Management Office

Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

cc: Rachelle Besner, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer, Natural Resources Canada
Charlotte Lamontange, A/ Manager Impact Assessment, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Elizabeth Patreau, Senior Fisheries Protection Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Christopher Aguirre, Environmental Officer, Transport Canada
Melissa Pinto, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Enclosed (5):

- 1. Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada
- 2. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- 3. Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 4. Transport Canada
- 5. Natural Resources Canada
- 6. Federal Departments contact list