



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

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**Re: The NIRB's Pre-hearing Conference Decision for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Whale Tail Pit project proposal**

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Dear Ryan Vanengen:

From May 1-2, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) held a Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Baker Lake, Nunavut to hear discussion by parties and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle, or the Proponent) on the issues to be considered within the next steps of the NIRB's Review (NIRB File No. 16MN056) and associated water licence application (NWB File No. 2AM-WTP----) for the Whale Tail Pit project. Discussions also included additional information to be filed by Agnico Eagle and further preparations for a Final Hearing.

Issues addressed during the PHC included:

- NIRB/NWB coordination procedures at the Final/Public Hearing(s);
- Anticipated date, time, form and location of a Final/Public Hearing(s);
- Timetable for the exchange of documents and information requests prior to the Final/Public Hearing(s);
- Finalization of issues to be addressed at the Final/Public Hearing(s);
- Equipment, language, interpretation, translation and transcript requirements;
- Identification of interested parties to attend the Final/Public Hearing(s); and
- Any other matters that may aid in the simplification of the Final/Public Hearing(s).

*The enclosed Nunavut Impact Review Board and Nunavut Water Board Pre-hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB File No. 16MN056) and An Application*

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*for a new Type “A” Water Licence (NWB File No. 2AM-WTP----) Proposed by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited* (the PHC Decision), outlines the findings on each of the issues listed above, and includes direction to the Proponent on information that it is required to include within its future FEIS submission.

The Board asks that Agnico Eagle confirm its anticipated submission of additional information to the NWB by May 23, 2017, and further confirm with the NIRB if it identified possible changes to the terms and conditions in the existing NIRB Project Certificate File No. 03MN107 – Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate 004, and if so when to expect the additional information that clearly identifies the changes to existing terms and conditions required to accommodate the Whale Tail Pit project proposal, if it were approved to proceed. The NIRB requests an indication from Agnico Eagle within 14 days of this letter.

The NIRB thanks Agnico Eagle and all parties for the cooperative and open dialogue to date which has allowed the NIRB’s Review process to unfold in an efficient and effective manner. If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the enclosed PHC Decision or the NIRB’s Review of the Whale Tail Pit project, please contact Tara Arko, Director of Technical Services at (867) 983-4611 or via email at [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Whale Tail Pit Distribution List

Enclosed: Nunavut Impact Review Board and Nunavut Water Board Pre-hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB File No. 16MN056) and An Application for a new Type “A” Water Licence (NWB File No. 2AM-WTP----) Proposed by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (*June 8, 2017*)