

NIRB File No.: 16MN056

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August 23, 2017

Ryan Vanengen Environment Superintendent – Nunavut Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. P.O. Box 549 Baker Lake, NU X0C 0A0

Sent via email: ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Receipt of Public Comment Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Application for Exceptions from the ongoing Review of the Whale Tail Pit Project

Dear Ryan Vanengen:

On July 14, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a submission from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) describing the "Whale Tail Pit Project Type B Predevelopment Application" project proposal associated with its Whale Tail Pit project (NIRB File No.: 16MN056) which is currently under Review by the NIRB pursuant to Part 5, Article 12 of the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) and section 94(1)(a)(iv) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). On August 1, 2017, the NIRB requested that parties review Agnico Eagle's application package which had been submitted for consideration pursuant to Nunavut Agreement Section 12.10.2(b) and NuPPAA Section 155 with comments to be provided by August 18, 2017.

On or before August 22, 2017 the NIRB received comments pertaining to the application that encompasses proposed predevelopment/site preparation activities to occur between November 2017 and June 2018 from the following parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Government of Nunavut
- Government of Canada including:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- o Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- o Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- o Transport Canada

All 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.: 16MN056Application No.: 124683

Consistent with the NIRB's correspondence dated August 1, 2017 the NIRB would like to offer Agnico Eagle an opportunity to file a response to parties' comment submissions. The NIRB requests that Agnico Eagle submit its response via email directly to info@nirb.ca or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca on or before **Monday**, **August 28**, **2017**.

The NIRB appreciates the efforts of all parties to ensure a timely and efficient consideration of Agnico Eagle's "Whale Tail Pit Project Type B Predevelopment Application".

Should you have questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Whale Tail Pit project, please contact the undersigned directly at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Sophia Granchinho, M.Sc. Manager, Impact Assessment

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Whale Tail Pit Distribution List

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