



NIRB File No.: 18MN047

Related to NIRB File Nos: 03MN107, 11EN010 & 16MN056

November 2, 2018

To: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Distribution Lists

Re: **Opportunity to Request Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit - Expansion" Project Proposal**

Dear Parties:

On October 16, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to assess Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or the Proponent) "Whale Tail Pit - Expansion" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC noted that the project proposal was submitted by Agnico Eagle as a proposal involving a change to the Whale Tail Pit project (NIRB File No. 16MN056), and also related to the continued development of the Amaruq Advanced Exploration Project (NIRB File No. 11EN010) and the Meadowbank Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 03MN107). The NPC indicated that the Whale Tail Pit - Expansion project proposal is for a component or activity that was not part of the original amended proposal, therefore its inclusion is a significant modification to the project. On this basis the Commission concluded that the proposal requires assessment by the NIRB as per section 12.4.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and the NIRB has assigned it file number **18MN047**.

On November 1, 2018 Agnico Eagle submitted the following documents and materials in support of this project proposal. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125418.

- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Project Description*
- *Maps noting Project Layout*

In its cover letter associated with the submission, Agnico Eagle has stated that it would be submitting a complete Whale Tail Pit Project Expansion Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Addendum on or before November 16, 2018. Further, Agnico Eagle has requested a "staggered" (or partially) coordinated review process between the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB).

At this point, the NIRB is still reviewing the information provided by Agnico Eagle to understand the scope of the forthcoming assessment; however, in preparation for parties to participate fully in the process, the NIRB is providing parties an opportunity to request copies (either electronic or hard copies) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum. Please advise the NIRB office via email at info@nirb.ca by **November 16, 2018** of the requirement for copies of the document(s).

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's assessment of the Whale Tail Pit - Expansion project proposal, please contact the undersigned at kgillard@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Gillard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelli" and last name "Gillard" clearly legible.

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
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