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Sent via email: ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Receipt of Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project" Proposal

Dear Ryan Vanengen:

On November 23, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an Environmental Impact Statement Addendum (EIS Addendum) submission from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or the Proponent) in support of the "Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project" proposal for the Whale Tail Pit Project, NIRB Project Certificate No. 008. The EIS Addendum is in response to the NIRB's November 16, 2018 determination that a formal reconsideration of terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 008 for the approved Whale Tail Pit Project is required to assess the "Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project" proposal.


The NIRB will commence an internal review of the EIS Addendum to determine whether the submission conforms to the minimum Environmental Impact Statement requirements set out under Section 12.5.2 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 101(3) of the *NuPPAA*. The Board's conformity review is a presence or absence analysis of the required information only; it is not meant to evaluate the quality of the information presented, although it may identify significant deficiencies encountered.

If the EIS Addendum submission is found to conform with the minimum EIS requirements, the Board will formally accept the submission and will provide public notice regarding the commencement of a technical review period in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure. Further information regarding the subsequent steps for the NIRB's assessment of the "Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project" proposal and details on NIRB and Nunavut Water Board options for coordinated process will be provided to all parties upon acceptance of the EIS Addendum.

At this time, the Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of Agnico Eagle's EIS Addendum submission by **December 10, 2018**.

If you have any questions related to the NIRB's assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project proposal, please contact the undersigned at ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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