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Sent via email: ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com

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

Dear Ryan Vanengen:

On December 19, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an updated Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum submission (FEIS Addendum) 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 updated FEIS Addendum is in response to the NIRB's December 10, 2018 determination of non-conformity for the initial FEIS Addendum submitted on November 23, 2018.

The NIRB will commence an internal review of the updated FEIS Addendum to determine whether the submission conforms to the minimum Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements set out under Section 12.5.2 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 101(3) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*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. Note that conformity determination will be based on the updated conformity tables accompanying the updated FEIS Addendum, with a focus on the areas of non-conformity previously identified by the NIRB.

If the updated FEIS Addendum submission is found to conform with the minimum EIS requirements set out under the *Nunavut Agreement* and the *NuPPAA*, 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 will be provided to all parties upon acceptance of the updated FEIS Addendum.

At this time, the Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of Agnico Eagle's updated FEIS Addendum submission on or before **January 9, 2019**.

If you have any questions related to the NIRB's assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project proposal, please contact the undersigned at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or (867)857-4829 or Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I, at ereimer@nirb.ca or (867) 857-4566.

Sincerely,



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