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Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
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Dear NWB:

Subject: Fisheries and Oceans Canada Comments on Completeness Review Pursuant to the Whale Tail Project, NU.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) understands the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is requesting responsible authorities provide comments the completeness of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd (AEM) application pursuant to the Whale Tail Project by November 3, 2016. DFO understands that there may be an associated review of the existing Meadowbank Mine Type A licence and associated plans in addition to the request for a New Type A licence for Whale Tail. Therefore, DFO has provided comment as outlined below:

DFO understands AEM is updating the following List of Plans for the existing Meadowbank Mine Type A Licence (relevant to DFO's mandate):

- Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan
- Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction & Dewatering
- Habitat Compensation Monitoring Plan
- Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
- Aquatic Effects Management Plan
- Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program Plan

DFO is uncertain why the Meadowbank Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan and Aquatic Effects Management Plan will not be updated to reflect ongoing activity at Whale Tail which will necessitate the extended use of roads, tailings storage and the milling facilities at Meadowbank

List of Plans required for Whale Tail New Type A Licence (relevant to DFO's mandate):

- Whale Tail Pit Haul Road Management Plan



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- Fisheries Monitoring Plan for Whale Tail
- Conceptual Fisheries Offsetting Plan Whale Tail

DFO is uncertain as to why AEM did not include a Whale Tail Monitoring Plan separate from the Meadowbank Habitat Compensation Monitoring Plan. A separate fisheries monitoring plan will be required for Whale Tail.

DFO could not locate a Blast Management Plan or Fish Out Plan for Whale Tail Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Patreau at (204)983-2361, or by email at Elizabeth.Patreau@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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