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**Re: NIRB File No. 16MN056 Application No: 124683/ NWB File No. 2AM WTP ---- : Information
Requests Received from Parties Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd's "Whale Tail Pit" Project**

Dear Ms. Sophia Granchinho and Mr. Kharatyan,

In follow-up to the January 20th, 2017 correspondence with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding Information Requests (IRs) for the Whale Tail Pit Project, Agnico Eagle has prepared the attached report and plans to address the comments and recommendations noted in the aforementioned correspondence.

The list of reports and management plans attached to this letter include:

- Whale Tail Pit Project: Predicted Changes in Fish Mercury Concentrations in the flooded area of Whale Tail Lake (South Basin), which is the follow-up to Agnico Eagle's response to IR HC-18;
- Conceptual Whale Tail Lake (North Basin) Fishout work plan, which is the follow-up to Agnico Eagle's response to IR DFO-2; and
- Meadowbank Gold Project – Habitat Compensation Monitoring plan (Version 4), which is the follow-up to KivIA – IR- Aquatic Ecology 05.

In addition to the attached report and plans, as requested by the GN in IR GN-03 , Agnico Eagle has submitted to the GN Cultural and Heritage department the "Archaeological Site Status Report to 2016 Meadowbank Gold Project and Exploration Activities, Nunavut."

Furthermore, Agnico Eagle has fulfilled Steps 1 to 3 of Agnico Eagle's "TEMP Mitigation Action Plan". As per Agnico Eagle's IR response to KIA Terrestrial -03 and GN-10, on February 22nd and 23rd, 2017, Agnico Eagle hosted GN, KIA, and HTO members in Ottawa for a two day Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP) review and caribou monitoring/ mitigation workshop. The workshop was well attended by: local hunters, expert biologists representing the KIA, GN and Agnico Eagle, and the Meadowbank Environment department. Agnico Eagle will continue to work with local stakeholders and interveners to ensure revisions to the TEMP reflect the discussions and agreements made during the workshop. Agnico Eagle anticipates submitting an updated TEMP prior to the technical meetings and pre-hearing conference.



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Agnico Eagle will continue to work with interveners to ensure the comments and requests that were provided on January 20th, 2017 and as part of this submission have been adequately addressed. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned Jamie Quesnel at Jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com M: 819.856.0821, or, Ryan Vanengen at ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com M:819.651.2974.

Regards,

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