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**Re: NIRB File No. 16MN056 Application No: 124683/ NWB File No. 2AM WTP ---- : Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions for the NIRBs Review and NWB Consideration of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd's " Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal and associated Water License Application**

Dear Ms. Granchinho and Mr Kharatyan,

Agnico Eagle thanks the Nunavut Impact Review Board, Nunavut Water Board, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Government of Nunavut, Health Canada, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Kivalliq Inuit Association, Natural Resources Canada and Transport Canada for the opportunity to respond to the Technical Review Comments as part of the review of the Whale Tail Pit Project.

As requested, please find attached responses which are intended to address the technical comments and recommendations of the NIRB and NWB regarding: *NIRB File No. 16MN056 Application No: 124683/ NWB File No. 2AM WTP ---- : Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions for the NIRBs Review and NWB Consideration of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd's " Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal and associated Water License Application.*

As recommended by NIRB and NWB, Agnico Eagle has continued to work with the interveners to address technical comments and recommendations prior to the technical meetings and have been encouraged by the partnership shown by interveners. More specifically, recent meetings with the KivIA (February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in Ottawa), ECCC (March 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at Meadowbank), DFO and KivIA (March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Winnipeg) and Terrestrial Ecosystem Monitoring Plan (TEMP) review and caribou monitoring workshops with the HTO, KivIA and GN (November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 & February 22 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017) have been highly productive and collaborative. Agnico Eagle will continue to leverage data, knowledge and experience gained through successful environmental monitoring, mitigation and adaptive management of operations at Meadowbank, which will continue to inform the planning, execution and operations of the Whale Tail Pit the Project. We look forward to continuing these discussions with NIRB and the NWB during the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference held in Baker Lake, scheduled to begin on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Consistent with NIRB direction provided on March 30, 2017, to provide any additional information or response "at least 10 days prior to the commencement of the technical meeting", Agnico Eagle proposes to submit no later than end April 18<sup>th</sup> the following:

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- Finalize Terrestrial Ecosystem Monitoring Plan (TEMP) and Caribou workshop meeting minutes from last workshop held on February 22 -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- A small technical memo with a "Viewshed Analysis" in support of the TEMP.
- Comments on the Draft Agenda, interpretation and equipment requirements as requested by NIRB .

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned Jamie Quesnel at [Jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:Jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com) or, Ryan Vanengen at [ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com).

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