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Nunavut Water Board
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Attention: Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services

**File No. 2AM-WTP1826 and 2AM-MEA1526
Technical Meeting/Pre-Hearing Conference – October 29-30, 2019**

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (**Agnico Eagle**) is writing to provide an update on in-person and teleconference meetings that Agnico Eagle has held during September 2019 with Kivalliq Inuit Association (**KivIA**), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (**CIRNAC**), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (**DFO**) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (**ECCC**) in order to prepare for the upcoming Nunavut Water Board (**NWB**) Technical Meeting/Pre-Hearing Conference currently scheduled to be held in Baker Lake on October 29-30, 2019.

Agnico Eagle is pleased to report that as a result of these additional meetings, Agnico Eagle, KivIA, CIRNAC, DFO and ECCC have agreed on a path forward to resolve all of the technical comments that were filed on Sept. 16, 2019 by KivIA, CIRNAC, DFO and ECCC in respect of Agnico Eagle's applications for amendment to the Water Licence 2AM-WTP1826 and consequential amendments to Water Licences No. 2AM-MEA1526 and No. 2BB-MEA1828. We will provide a document which details the agreed path forward on each item to the NWB on October 7 2019. This is not to say that the parties have achieved final resolution of all issues, but the parties have worked collaboratively and have reached a degree of consensus consistent with what is usually reached by the end of a NWB technical meeting in advance of public hearings.

As a result, it is Agnico Eagle's expectation that the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference will be significantly streamlined. Rule 14 of the NWB Rules, permits the Board, through its staff or in conjunction with staff, to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference with interested parties either in writing, by teleconference, or in person. In light of the high degree of consensus that has been reached with respect to the path forward to resolve technical comments, Agnico Eagle requests that the NWB give consideration to holding the meeting on October 29-30 by teleconference rather than in person in Baker Lake. This would give Agnico Eagle, KivIA, CIRNAC, DFO and ECCC an opportunity to present the agreed path forward to the NWB staff, and the NWB staff would have an opportunity to ask any clarifying questions or make any additional comments.

KivIA, CIRNAC, DFO and ECCC are all in agreement with Agnico Eagle's proposal and communicate this to the NWB to proceed with a Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference by teleconference.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this approach or have any further information requirements with respect to this request.

Sincerely,



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