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**NWB Files: 2AM-WTP1826, 2AM-MEA1526,
and 2BB-MEA1828**

October 15, 2019

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**Subject: Applications for Amendments to Type “A” Water Licences Nos. 2AM-WTP1826 and 2AM-MEA1526 and Type “B” Water Licence No. 2BB-MEA1828, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.;
Confirmation of Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference**

Dear Jamie Quesnel,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) correspondence¹ of August 14, 2019, with respect to the technical review of the applications for amendment to the Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1826 and consequential amendments to Water Licences No. 2AM-MEA1526 and No. 2BB-MEA1828 (Application or Applications) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) for the Whale Tail Pit Mine and Haul Road Project and the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (Projects), the Board received comments² from the following interested parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA or KivIA);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC); and
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA).

Copies of the comments received from intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board’s Public Registry and made available through the NWB’s FTP site using the following link:

[ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2 MINING MILLING/2A/2AM - Mining/2AM-WTP1826 Agnico/1 APPLICATION/2019 Amendment/](ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP1826%20Agnico/1%20APPLICATION/2019%20Amendment/)

¹ Stephanie Autut (NWB) to Jamie Quesnel (Agnico Eagle), Re: Applications for Amendments to Water Licences No. 2AM-WTP1826, 2AM-MEA1526, and 2BB-MEA1828; Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., dated August 14, 2019.

² Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), September 16, 2019; Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), September 16, 2019; Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), September 16, 2019; and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), September 16, 2019.

The applications and supporting documentation regarding consequential amendments to Licences No. 2AM-MEA1526 and No. 2BB-MEA1828 are respectively available from the following links:

[ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2 MINING MILLING/2A/2AM - Mining/2AM-MEA1526 Agnico/1 APPLICATION/2019 Amendment 4/](ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA1526%20Agnico/1%20APPLICATION/2019%20Amendment%204/)

[ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2 MINING MILLING/2B/2BB - Bulk Sampling/2BB-MEA1828 Agnico/1 APPLICATION/2019 Amendment 1/](ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-MEA1828%20Agnico/1%20APPLICATION/2019%20Amendment%201/)

On October 7, 2019, the Applicant provided responses to interveners' comments. The Applicant is advised to review all submissions, including intervening parties' comments on the technical review of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference.

As stated in its August 14, 2019 correspondence the Board directed the NWB staff to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (TM/PHC) in Baker Lake the week of October 28, 2019. On October 1, 2019, the NWB received correspondence from Agnico Eagle, requesting that the TM/PHC be conducted via teleconference. After careful consideration of the technical review comments provided by the intervening parties and the Applicant's responses³, the Board concluded that holding the TM/PHC in-person in Baker Lake would be appropriate. Therefore, the NWB advises the parties that **Tuesday, October 29, 2019 and Wednesday, October 30, 2019** are set as dates for the Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference, respectively, at the Community Hall, Baker Lake, Nunavut.

In preparation for the TM/PHC, the Board has attached a copy of a draft Agenda and requests that interested parties provide relevant comments to the NWB's Licensing Department at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by **3:00 p.m. MT, Friday, October 18, 2019**. In addition to comments on the draft Agenda, interested parties are asked to also provide the following information along with their submissions:

- Confirm the attendance of their organization, group or individual;
- Provide the names of the individuals who will be participating on their behalf in the TM and PHC respectively; and
- Identify whether they wish to make a formal presentation of their submissions during the Technical Meeting.

Following receipt of this information the NWB will distribute a final version of the Agenda in advance of the TM/PHC, as well as the names of the participating organizations and/or persons who have confirmed their attendance.

The Applicant and intervening parties intending to make presentations during the TM/PHC must provide to the NWB, for public distribution and posting on the Board's registry, copies of their presentation materials (including the Applicant's and interveners' presentations). These materials

³ Jamie Quesnel (Agnico Eagle) to Richard Dwyer (NWB), Re: Agnico Eagle Responses to technical comments for amendment applications for 2AM-MEA1526, 2AM-WTP1826 and 2BB-MEA1828 - Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project, dated October 7, 2019.

should be provided in English and Inuktitut along with executive summaries also in French, preferably in PDF/PowerPoint format, no later than **3:00 p.m. MT, October 18, 2019**. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether the issues that they have identified were or will be addressed by Agnico Eagle to their satisfaction prior to the Public Hearing (PH).

As part of this Agenda, the NWB is proposing to hold a community session in the evening of October 29, 2019 to allow residents of Baker Lake express views they may have regarding the Projects, the Applications, and/or ask any questions to the Applicant and the intervening parties. The Applicant and intervening parties should be prepared to provide summarized versions of their Technical Meeting presentations for the community session. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of presentations should be made available for distribution during the community session.

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties bring with them the copies of the Application and correspondence/submissions (either hard copy or electronic) for reference as required, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the Public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Assol Kubeisinova, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca, or Karen Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca for any technical inquiries, or Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 or by email licensing@nwb-oen.ca for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

Richard Dwyer
Manager of Licensing

cc. Distribution List – Meadowbank



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PROPOSED AGENDA

TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE WHALE TAIL PIT MINE AND HAUL ROAD PROJECT AND MEADOWBANK GOLD MINE PROJECT

**APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT TO WATER LICENCES NO. 2AM-WTP1826,
2AM-MEA1526, AND 2BB-MEA1828**

TECHNICAL MEETING

Date: October 29, 2019
Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00PM (CT)
Location: Baker Lake Community Hall

1. Introduction and registration.
2. Application to the Board, NWB Opening Remarks (15 minutes).
3. Purpose of the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference.
4. Technical Review of the Applications:
 - a) Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. presentation on the Project (45 minutes);
 - b) Identification of Interested Parties;
 - c) Presentations from Interested parties (30 minutes per party);
 - d) Discussion of Commitments to Address Technical Issues; and
 - e) Formulation of Outstanding Issues.

Health Breaks – 20-30 minutes

COMMUNITY SESSION

Date: October 29, 2019
Time: 7:00 - 9:30 PM (CT)
Location: Baker Lake Community Hall

1. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes).
2. Presentation of Application by Applicant (30 minutes).
3. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes per party).
4. Questions and comments from community members.



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PROPOSED AGENDA - CONTINUED

TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE - WHALE TAIL PIT MINE AND HAUL ROAD PROJECT AND MEADOWBANK GOLD MINE PROJECT

APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT TO WATER LICENCES NO. 2AM-WTP1826, 2AM-MEA1526, AND 2BB- MEA1828

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Date: October 30, 2019
Time: 8:30 AM (CT)
Location: Baker Lake Community Hall

1. Identify issues preventing Application from proceeding to a Public Hearing.
2. Discuss form, timing and location for any potential Public Hearing.
3. Establish timetable for the pre-hearing exchange of information, including:
 - a. preparation and service of documents to parties (deadlines, form, public registry);
 - b. document translation requirements; and
 - c. documentation to be included in the hearing record.
4. Finalize the list of issues to be dealt with at the Public Hearing.
5. Identify interested parties.
6. Identify any changes to Applications for the purposes of clarification.
7. Final procedures to be followed at the Public Hearing, including:
 - a. requested modifications to the applicable NWB *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing* (May 2005); and
 - b. language requirements at the Public Hearing.
8. Consider any other matters that may aid in the simplification and disposition of the Applications at the Public Hearing.
9. Other Issues.
10. Closing of the Meeting.