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**RE: NWB Technical Review of 2024 Annual Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project, Licence No: 2AM-MEA1530; and Whale Tale Pit Project, Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 – Agnico Eagle Mines Limited**

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Dear Alexandra Ozaruk:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed the technical review of the 2024 Annual Reports for the type A Water Licences: 2AM-MEA1530 and 2AM-WTP1830 (Meadowbank Licence, Whale Tail Pit Licence, or Licences). The Reports were received on March 31, 2025 from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee), submitted as a requirement under Part B of the Licences.

On April 17, 2025, the NWB acknowledged receipt of the Annual Reports and provided them to the Meadowbank distribution list for public review. Submissions were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) on or before July 25, 2025. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) advised that they were not able to review the 2024 Annual Reports and will not be submitting comments.

Agnico Eagle provided response to comments on August 29, 2025. DFO advised that they have reviewed Agnico Eagle's response and confirmed their comments have been addressed. On October 6, 2025, CIRNAC submitted their reply to Agnico Eagle's Response on their comments.

Copies of all documents received can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry using the following links:

<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA1530%20Agnico/3%20TECH/B%20GENERAL/2%20ANNUAL%20RPT/>

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## **Summary of Review**

### Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA)

KivIA provided a comment regarding potential changes to the design of the Tailings Storage Facility originally documented in Project Certificate 004 in light of changes to impacts of climate variability and mine operations. KivIA recommended that the 2 m cover required in the Project Certificate be incorporated into any amended TSF design; these discussions to be continued and that any changes to the TSF design to incorporate KivIA feedback and address KivIA concerns; and any alterations to the TSF design be supported by adequate monitoring data. Agnico Eagle confirmed that ongoing discussions on the TSF cover will continue and will include details on monitoring.

### Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

DFO provided recommendations related to culverts, Marine Mammal Monitoring Program, aquatic invasive species, and underwater noise. DFO, in their follow up after reviewing Agnico Eagle's response noted that their comments have been addressed, and that they will further discuss the topic with the mine [Agnico Eagle] directly.

### Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)

CIRNAC in their submission provided a number of comments and recommendations related to the following subjects:

- Closure Planning
- Approval of Major Project Changes and Revised Management Plans
- Water Quality Predictions of [Unapproved Activities]
- Model Prediction Accuracy and Decision Making
- Duration of Modelling Predictions
- Waterline to Vault
- Meromixis Stability in Vault Pit
- Revised Criterion for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
- Water Treatment of Reclaim Water
- Recontamination of Goose and Portage Pit Lakes
- Meadowbank TSF Cover Design
- Progressive Reclamation Documentation
- Groundwater Migration of TSF Reclaim Water

While the NWB appreciates the valuable comments from CIRNAC and the response from Agnico

Eagle, the NWB acknowledges that most of these comments are related to progressive and final reclamation. The NWB also notes that Agnico Eagle has been actively engaged with parties, including CIRNAC, regarding the Closure and Reclamation Plan (CRP), and that Agnico Eagle plans to submit the final CRP in near future. With the understanding that the final CRP when submitted will go through a detailed public review, the NWB is of the opinion that the comments related to closure and reclamation will be thoroughly discussed at that time. Meanwhile, the NWB encourages Agnico Eagle to consider CIRNAC's comments and recommendations while preparing the final CRP and also discuss outstanding matters within the relevant sections.

## Management Plans

The NWB notes that Agnico Eagle submitted the following updated management plans with the 2024 Annual Reports:

**Table 1. Submitted Management Plans with the 2024 Annual Reports**

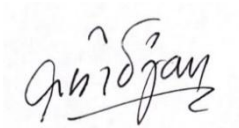
Licence No.	Management Plans
2AM-MEA1530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Water Management Plan</i>, Version 14, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan</i>, Version 15, dated February 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Landfarm Design and Management Plan</i>, Version 6, dated March 2025; and</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Landfill Design and Management Plan</i>, Version 7, dated February 2025.</li> </ul>
2AM-WTP1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Water Management Plan</i>, Version 14, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Waste Rock Management Plan</i>, Version 14, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Landfarm Design and Management Plan</i>, Version 4, dated March 2025; and</li> <li>• <i>Whale Tail Landfill Design and Management Plan</i>, Version 6, dated February 2025.</li> </ul>
2AM-MEA1530, 2AM-WTP1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Spill Contingency Plan</i>, Version 22, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank Oil Pollution Emergency Plan and Oil Pollution Prevention Plan</i>, Version 18, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan</i>, Version 9, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Hazardous Materials Management Plan</i>, Version 8, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Quality Assurance-Quality Control (QAQC) Plan</i>, Version 10, dated March 2025;</li> <li>• <i>Meadowbank and Whale Tail Emergency Response Plan</i>, Version 20a, dated 2025; and</li> <li>• <i>Shipping Management Plan</i>, Version 5, dated March 2025.</li> </ul>

While the Board acknowledges that the updates to the above stated management plans weren't

significant, and finds the plans acceptable, the Board reminds the Licensee that the management plans that have significant updates should be submitted separately, or under separate cover with the Annual Report, for a stand-alone review. The plans that do not have any significant updates or revisions, can be submitted in the form of addenda. All plans submitted for review will include a version control section, clearly stating the nature of changes in the plan, and identification within the document highlighting where changes have been made.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (extension 29) or at [abid.jan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:abid.jan@nwb-oen.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abid Jan', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Enclosure:      Comments – CIRNAC, DFO, KivIA

Cc:                Distribution List – Meadowbank