



November 9th, 2018

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**Re: NWB File No. 2AM-WTP1826 – Fulfillment of Part B Item 13 – Submission of Management Plan Updates**

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Agnico Eagle thanks the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) for the opportunity to address the comments and recommendations on management plans submitted by Agnico Eagle as per Part B Item 13 of the NWB License 2AM-WTP1826.

As requested, please find attached responses which address:

- the recommendations by CIRNAC and ECCC regarding the ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Plan,
- address the commitments made with respect to the issues raised during the technical review the Whale Tail Pit Public Hearings, and
- reflect Agnico Eagle's operational experience, gained through 10 years of operating the Meadowbank Mine but tailored to the Whale Tail Pit project.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Agnico Eagle met with CIRNAC, presented an update on modelling results, updated validation of the modelling and came to agreement on how to address the CIRNAC recommendations; a common understanding was gained during these meetings and are reflected in this response package. Agnico Eagle has previously submitted to NWB the presentation that guided the October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 discussion between Agnico Eagle, CIRNAC and our subject matter experts, that summarized the updated results of the hydrogeological, water quality and geochemical data at Whale Tail Pit.



For this submission, Agnico Eagle has agreed to the recommendations and/or provided clarifications to the recommendations made by interveners, and on a few items where Agnico Eagle has disagreed, it has provided its detailed rationale for the NWB's consideration. As noted in our responses, Agnico Eagle will continue to work with interveners and NWB to ensure a common understanding of the operations, monitoring, management and mitigation plans at Whale Tail Pit.

Based on this, Agnico Eagle feels the ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Plan should be approved in a timely fashion by NWB.

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)

Regards,

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