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RE: Whale Tail Pit Project Updated Management Plans, Agnico Eagles Mines Ltd. (AEM)

The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) has completed a technical review of the following documents from the Whale Tail Pit Project Updated Management Plans, which are related to Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Type A Water Licenses 2AM-WTP1830 and 2AM-MEA1530:

- 1. Whale Tail Project, Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan, July, 2020, version 4.
- 2. Meadowbank Gold Complex, Emergency Response Plan, June 2020, version 15.
- 3. Meadowbank Complex, Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan, July 2020, version 6.
- 4. Meadowbank Complex, Hazardous Materials Management Plan, Meadowbank Mine Site, Whale Tail Pit Site and Baker Lake Facilities, July 2020, version 6.
- 5. Meadowbank Complex, Spill Contingency Plan, Meadowbank Mine Site, All Weather Access Road (AWAR), Whale Tail Mine Site, Whale Tail Haul Road (WTHR) and Baker Lake Facilities, July 2020, version 11.
- 6. Whale Tail Project, Water Management Plan, July, 2020, version 5.
- 7. Whale Tail Project, Waste Rock Management Plan, July, 2020, version 6.

The KivIA has the following comments and questions:

1) Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan, July, 2020, version 4, Appendix C - Lessons Learned from Other Projects:

The KivIA is very encouraged by AEM's documentation of the lessons learned from other northern mines and their own 10 years (2010-2020) of mining experience in the Kivalliq Region. The KivIA looks forward to AEM expanding the examples in this Appendix in the next management plan update in areas such as permafrost, hydrogeology, hydrology, building caribou friendly roads and the use of community consultation and IQ in project planning, to name but a few examples.



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In the summary it documents that "the conservative predictions of future water quality indicate that most parameter concentrations in the downstream environment are below CEQG-AL except for arsenic." The KivIA would like to know how often the water balance and water quality modeling will be updated, in particular, as it relates to the arsenic concentration.

Regards

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