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Subject: Whale Tail Pit Haul Road Management Plan;

Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1826, Whale Tail Pit Project, Agnico

Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Ms. Turmel and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on August 22, 2018, the document entitled "Whale Tail Pit Haul Road Management Plan" August 2018, Version 1 (Plan) for Board approval as required under Part B, Item 15 of the Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1826 (Licence) that was approved by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC or former INAC) on July 11, 2018.

The Plan states that for the purposes of this document, the Road Management Plan (RMP) applies to the Whale Tail Pit Haul Road and covers four phases to the development: 1 year of expansion of the access road to a haul road (construction), 3 years of mine operation, 8 years of closure, and the post-closure period.

Agnico Eagle is expanding the existing Exploration Access Road (licensed under Water Licence No. 8BC-AEA1525) to be 9.5m in width, or more if required for safety reasons, with a bypass bay approximately every 400m depending on the topography and safety considerations to accommodate a single oversized vehicle along the approved 64.1 km alignment. As reported all bridges from the Exploration Access Road will continue to be used and culverts will be extended to accommodate the hauling of ore from the Whale Tail Pit to the Meadowbank Mill. The expansion to the Haul Road requires the use of approved quarries, approved borrow areas, associated short spur roads and Vault Pit as a Quarry.

The RMP presents mitigation measures and protocols to be implemented during the expansion (construction of the haul road) and operations to protect wildlife, prevent permafrost degradation, control surface runoff and sedimentation. Agnico Eagle will put in place operational procedures

for daily operation and maintenance of the road including, if deemed necessary, dust suppression, snow removal and de-icing.

The Plan was distributed for a thirty (30) day public review and comments on August 22, 2018 with a deadline set at September 24, 2018. On September 21, 2018, the NWB was advised by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) that CIRNAC is satisfied that the plan meets CIRNAC's expectations and as such has no comments. On September 24, 2018, the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) also advised the Board that they do not have comments or question regarding the Plan.

The Board finds the Plan functional and generally satisfying Licence requirements, and by copy of this letter <u>has approved the Whale Tail Pit Haul Road Management Plan, August 2018, Version 1 through the Board Motion No. 2018-A1-017, dated September 28, 2018, as required by Part B, Item 15 of Licence.</u>

The Board notes that the scope of Water Licence No. 8BC-AEA1525 is now included under the Licence, and advises the Licensee that upon the receipt of the cancellation request, the Board may cancel the Water Licence No. 8BC-AEA1525.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 35) or karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Regards,

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