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**Subject: Revised Adaptive Management Plan Version 1.5; Type “A” Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited**

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Dear Jamie Quesnel and Michel Groleau:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on August 19, 2021, the document entitled “Adaptive Management Plan” (Plan) concerning Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence) dated July 28, 2021 as per the Board’s letters dated May 5, 2021 and June 22, 2021.

The Plan includes changes to the previous versions incorporated as per the teleconference discussions organized by the Licensee on July 6 and 16, 2021 that included the representatives from Agnico Eagle with its consultant Okane, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), and the NWB.

In addition, the Plan includes revisions requested by the Board in its correspondence dated August 10, 2021 regarding the previous version of the Plan:

*The Board notes that the following statement is included in the proposed management plan:*

*For greater clarity, all actions and management strategies described in the approved Adaptive Management Plan are included in the Scope of the Type A Water Licence (see Part A, Item 1) and can proceed without modification or amendment to the Type A Water Licence, unless mentioned otherwise.*

*In its May 5, 2021 correspondence, the Board stated:*

*... some of these activities may require additional review and approval as Licence amendments or modifications by the NWB. These specific items are mostly associated with the Adaptive Management Level 2 through Level 4...*

*Consequently, the Board requires Agnico to incorporate the following revisions to the proposed Adaptive Management Plan:*

- 1. Table 1: "\* Agnico Eagle will consult with the NWB on the required approval process, execution, and implementation prior to initiating the adaptive management strategy items for High Risk Situation at Adaptive Management Level 4."*
- 2. Table 2: "\* Agnico Eagle will consult with the NWB on the required approval process, execution, and implementation prior to initiating the adaptive management strategy items for Adaptive Management Levels 3 and 4."*
- 3. Table 3: "\* Agnico Eagle will consult with the NWB on the required approval process, execution, and implementation prior to initiating the adaptive management strategy items for Adaptive Management Levels 3 and 4."*
- 4. Table 4: "\* Agnico Eagle will consult with the NWB on the required approval process, execution, and implementation prior to initiating the adaptive management strategy items for Adaptive Management Levels 2 and 3."*
- 5. Table 5: "\* Agnico Eagle will consult with the NWB on the required approval process, execution, and implementation prior to initiating the adaptive management strategy items for Adaptive Management Levels 2 and 3."*

On August 17, 2021, CIRNA submitted its feedback:

*[CIRNA] thanks Agnico Eagle for including the proposed changes in the latest version (1.5) of the Adaptive Management Plan.*

*As discussed, [CIRNA] sees the full thermal encapsulation of waste rock as a critical issue to the long-term chemical stability of the WRSF.*

*In this respect, [CIRNA] has concluded that [Agnico Eagle] is missing an opportunity to clarify specific actions that will be taken if the active zone penetrates through the proposed cover system and into the underlying waste rock (i.e., beyond a depth of 4.7 m). However, [CIRNA] is satisfied that the active layer will be monitored and reported on in the Annual Report to ensure that the waste rock is fully encapsulated now and in the future under potential climate change scenarios.*

*In the event that the active zone is predicted and/or measured to be deeper than the 4.7 m WRSF cover thickness, follow-up actions may be necessary in the future.*

*With this context, [CIRNA] supports the proposed changes and recommends that these clauses be re-examined during future updates to the Adaptive Management Plan.*

Copies of all documents received during the review of the Plan can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP1830%20Agnico/3%20TECH/B%20GENERAL/B18/>

The NWB fully reviewed the Plan in the context of interveners' comments and recommendations and the Licensee's clarifications and revisions. Therefore, by way of this correspondence and in accordance with Motion No: 2021-A1-05 and Part B, Item 18 of the Licence, the Board approves the document entitled "Adaptive Management Plan" dated July 28, 2021. The Licensee is advised that the Plan can be implemented upon the issuance of this letter by the Board.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or [assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca) at your earliest convenience.

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