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On June 29, 2022, the Licensee provided its response to the Intervener comments stating:

The purpose of the A47-N sump is to intercept runoff water before it reaches the IVR Pit to minimize the amount of water to be managed within the IVR Pit and to ease mining operations. Without this sump, the water reporting in that area would flow through the ring road as it is not a water retaining infrastructure and be managed within the IVR Pit footprint. The pumping infrastructure in the IVR Pit is sized to manage such water and pump it toward the IVR Attenuation Pond, however it is more efficient for mining operations to manage this water before it reaches the pit to minimize the amount of water ponding on drill patterns.

The A47-N sump is designed to have an effective capacity of 5,040 m³ after excavation and rockfill placement, which allows to manage a 1:100 year peak flow event without having water reporting to IVR Pit. Year 2021 was an above average year for precipitation based on the years that the Whale Tail mine site has been operating.

In addition, Agnico Eagle noted that water quality monitoring would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set for the IVR Attenuation Pond, and geochemical testing would be conducted as described in the “Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan – Whale Tail Pit Project”.

Both CIRNA and KivIA confirmed their satisfaction with the Licensee’s responses on or before July 12, 2022.

Copies of all documents received during the review of the Plans 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/D%20CONSTRUCTION/D1%2C%20D2/A47-N%20Sump>

The Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence. The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, Item 1, and may proceed in accordance with the Report and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the document.

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

Sincerely,

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