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Subject: Whale Tail Landfill Construction Notice; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-WTP1826, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Marie-Pier Marcil and Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on April 19, 2019, the document entitled “Whale Tail Landfill – 60 Day Construction Notice” (Notice) as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of Water Licence 2AM-WTP1826 (Licence) that was approved by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada on July 11, 2018. The Notice was dated March 2019.

The Notice indicates that the “landfill will be required for the disposal of non-salvageable, non-hazardous, non-putrescible solid wastes from the construction, operations, and closure of the Project.”

The Notice was distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set for May 7, 2019. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Kivalliq Inuit Association informed the NWB that they did not have comments at that time on May 6 and May 7, 2019, respectively. On May 7, 2019, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). CIRNAC inquired of the following:

- the type of existing soil layers under the berms planned for construction along the perimeter of the landfill;
- how AEM is anticipating to monitor for and mitigate any unexpected leachate percolating through the existing natural soils underneath the landfill;
- whether the waste rock used on the debris to infill voids is non-potentially acid generating;
- the number and type of layers in the landfill cover design; and
- the specifications of the landfill access road.

On May 31, 2019, Agnico Eagle provided its responses to the comments. On June 7, 2019, CIRNAC confirmed that all concerns were resolved.

The Board acknowledges that the Notice addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 2 of Licence 2AM-WTP1826, and has accepted the Whale Tail Landfill Construction Notice, as required by Part D, Item 1 of 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 the Part D, Item 2, and may proceed in accordance with the Notice 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.

Regards,

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