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Subject: Design Report for Sewage Treatment Plant; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-WTP1826, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Ms. Marcil and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on December 21, 2018, the document entitled: “Design Report Sewage Treatment Plant – Agnico Eagle Mines Limited Whale Tail” (Report) 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 (CIRNAC or former INAC) on July 11, 2018. The Report was prepared by SNC-Lavalin Inc. and dated December 14, 2018.

The Report included a criteria table that the plant should met, stating that *the treated water from STP is not directly discharged to the environment. The target concentration presented in the following table for the treated water from STP, are set to limit effect on the receiving Environnement after mixing with surface water into the attenuation pond and treatment in the AsWTP. There are no Water License criteria for the STP treated water. Reaching these values assure Agnico Eagle to operate the STP at a highest level of efficiency.*

On December 21, 2018, the Report was distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set at January 11, 2019. On January 10, 2019, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) advised the NWB that they do not have comments at this time. On January 23, 2019, Agnico Eagle provided responses to CIRNAC comments that were found satisfying by CIRNAC on January 24, 2019.

The Board is satisfied that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 2 of Licence 2AM-WTP1826, and has accepted the Design Report for Sewage Treatment Plant, as required by

Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is advised that the Board's "acceptance" 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 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 karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Regards,

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