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

Dear Ms. Manon and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on June 26, 2018, the document entitled: "Design Report for Water Treatment Plant - Whale Tail Dike" (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 June 21, 2018.

As part of Whale Tail Pit Project infrastructure, construction of the Whale Tail Dike is required to enable mining of the open pit in the north part of Whale Tail Lake, and water should be pumped from the north section of the Whale Tail Lake.

The Report states that during dike construction, lake sediment will likely be re-suspended. Two rows of turbidity barriers will be installed before initiating construction on each side of the dewatering dikes to contain the sediment within the work area. Turbidity barriers are floating devices used in lakes or rivers. They are made with geotextile preventing sediment migration in water.

This Report includes the final design and construction drawings for the Construction Water Treatment Plant (CWTP). The water treated at the CWTP will be sourced from Whale Tail Lake. The effluent water from the CWTP will be pumped back through a pipeline in Whale Tail Lake.

The following infrastructure were also covered into this document:

- Sludge water discharge design;
- CWTP intake design;
- Batch plant freshwater intake

On June 26, 2018, the Report was distributed for interested parties' review with a deadline for submissions set at July 11, 2018. Comments were received from CIRNAC (or former INAC) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) on July 9, 2018 and July 11, 2018, respectively. On July 16, 2018, Agnico Eagle provided responses to comments that are found satisfying.

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 Water Treatment Plant - Whale Tail Dike, 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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