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**Subject: Design Report for Attenuation Pond Ramp; Type “A” Water Licence
2AM-WTP1826, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited**

Dear Ms. Marcil:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on February 22, 2019, the document entitled: “Whale Tail Attenuation Pond Ramp”, including for construction engineered drawing (Report) as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of Water Licence 2AM-WTP1826 (Licence). The Report was dated February 2019.

The Report indicates that as part of the Construction Phase, the Whale Tail Lake North Basin (called hereafter the North Basin) needs to be dewatered in order to mine the Whale Tail Pit. Once the dewatering phase is completed, part of the North Basin located outside the Whale Tail Pit footprint will become the Whale Tail Attenuation Pond. The Attenuation Pond will receive contact water from different sumps and ponds around site. Water from the attenuation pond will be pumped, and discharged via the attenuation pond diffuser into Mammoth Lake. If water quality does not meet discharge criteria, water will be treated via the water treatment system. The Attenuation Pond ramp is the infrastructure required in order to pump water from the

The Report stated that the ramp will be constructed in order to install the Attenuation Pond pumping infrastructure. The ramp will extend from the Eastern shore of the former Whale Tail North Basin to the deepest portion of the attenuation pond. The ramp will be constructed of non-acid generating (NAG), non-metal leaching Run-of-Mine (ROM) waste rock obtained from the development of Whale Tail Pit.

On February 22, 2019, the Report was distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set at March 22, 2019. On March 6, 2019, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) advised the Board that they do not have comments at this time. On March 22, 2019, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). On April 3, 2019, the Licensee provided responses to comments along with additional

information which was made available for additional public review with a deadline set at April 8, 2019. No further comments/questions were received by the Board.

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 Whale Tail Attenuation Pond Ramp dated February 2019, 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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