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**Subject: Design Report for Whale Tail Lake North Basin Dewatering; 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 or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on November 28, 2018, the document entitled: “Whale Tail Lake North Basin Dewatering” (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 Canada on July 11, 2018. The Report was dated November 2018.

*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. Following the dewatering, a part of the North Basin will become the Whale Tail Attenuation Pond. This pond will receive contact water from the Whale Tail site prior to discharge into the environment.*

The Report provide final design and construction drawings and includes the system design and drawings, project timetable and environmental monitoring program.

The dewatering phase will consist of two different dewatering systems:

- *A dewatering system pumping the water from the North Basin to the Whale Tail Lake South Basin (called hereafter the South Basin) without water treatment and discharging the effluent via submerged diffuser, if the water quality is compliant with the discharge criteria;*
- *A dewatering system pumping the water from the North Basin to Mammoth Lake through the water treatment facility and discharging the effluent via a submerged diffuser.*

The Report was distributed for interested parties' review with a deadline for submissions set at December 12, 2018. On December 12, 2018, comments were received from the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). On December 13, 2018, the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) informed the NWB that they do not have comments at this time. On December 14, 2018, Agnico Eagle provided responses to ECCC questions. On December 20, 2018, ECCC informed the NWB that they do not have further questions/comments.

The Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 2 of Licence 2AM-WTP1826, and has accepted the Design Report for Whale Tail Lake North Basin Dewatering, 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 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](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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