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Subject: South Whale Tail Diversion Channel Construction; Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Marie-Pier Marcil, Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on October 7, 2020 the document entitled "Construction Support of South Whale Tail Diversion Channel" dated August 24, 2020 (Report) as the requirement of Part D, Item 16 of Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence).

The document was distributed for interested parties' review with a deadline for submissions set for November 19, 2020. On November 19, 2020, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA). CIRNA inquired of the size of the rock fill used for the French drain, the Licensee's following of quality assurance and quality control protocols, and geochemical analysis of waste rock and fill material. On December 15, 2020, Agnico Eagle provided its responses to the comments. On January 5, 2021, CIRNA confirmed that the Licensee's response was satisfactory.

Copies of all documents received during the review of the Report can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following link:

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The Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 16 of the 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 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 <a href="mailto:assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca">assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca</a> at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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