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Re: Agnico Eagle Mines – Whale Tail Project Responses to Whale Tail Dike Construction Summary Report Comments

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

As requested, the following responses are intended to address the comments made in the below letter:

- February 25, 2021; Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Review of the Whale Tail Dike Construction Summary Report, submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. for the Whale Tail Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1830.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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1 CIRNAC Comments

1.1 Monitoring Requirements

Comment 1: The Whale Tail Dike Construction Summary Report (CSR) is a comprehensive document and includes field photos, notes, decisions, and drawings within a report and thirteen appendices with sub-appendices, consisting of more than 1000 pages. CIRNAC appreciates the breakdown of the 17 attachments to navigate the appendices and attachments, provided by AEM.

While the attachment breakdown was often helpful in finding information within the documents, CIRNAC was unable to locate the following monitoring components of the CSR, which are required under Schedule D of Licence 2AM-WTP1830:

- f) Monitoring undertaken in compliance with Part D of the Licence (which requires AEM to implement the Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering if TSS levels are exceeded);
- g) Blast vibration monitoring for quarrying activities carried out in close proximity to fish bearing waters;
- h) Monitoring for sediment release from Construction areas; and
- i) Monitoring and reporting on use of Water to manage dust emissions from crushing and Construction activity.

For future reports, CIRNAC would appreciate the inclusion of a concordance table, either within or accompanying the CSRs, which demonstrates where each item listed in Schedule D of Licence 2AM-WTP1830 can be found.

Recommendation 1: (R-01) CIRNAC recommends that AEM clarify where in the report and associated appendices the identified monitoring information can be found. If these components were not included in the report, CIRNAC recommends that the information, or the rationale for their exclusion, be provided to the NWB.

Agnico Eagle's Response: Agnico Eagle acknowledges CIRNAC's comment and will ensure all the requirement of Schedule D are incorporated or referenced in future construction summary report.

f) Upon revision of the Whale Tail Construction Summary Report, references to the 2018 and 2019 Water Quality Monitoring and Dike Construction Reports were mistakenly missed. These reports address all items listed in Schedule D of Water Licence 2AM-WTP-1830. You can find the Whale Tail 2018 Water Quality Monitoring for Dike Construction Report in Appendix 63 of the Meadowbank Gold Project 2018 Annual Report. The Whale Tail 2019 Dike Construction and Dewatering Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix 19 of the Meadowbank Gold Project 2019 Annual Report.



g) There was no blast conducted for the construction of the Whale Tail Dike and therefore no monitoring was required.

h) Please refer to response (f) above.

i) There was no use of water to manage dust emissions during construction and therefore there was no monitoring to report.