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Subject: Dewatering Phase Pumping System Design Report and Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Marie-Pier Marcil and Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on May 25, 2020 the documents entitled “Dewatering Phase Pumping System Design Report” dated May 22, 2020 (Report) and “Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering” (Plan) as the requirements of Part D, Items 2 and 3 and Part B, Item 14, respectively, of Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence) that was approved by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada on May 12, 2020.

The documents were distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set for June 5, 2020. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Kivalliq Inuit Association informed the NWB that they did not have comments at that time on June 5, 2020. On June 5, 2020, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA). CIRNA inquired of the conditions that would warrant the use of additional mitigative measures (aside from turbidity curtains) during dike construction. On June 11, 2020, Agnico Eagle provided its responses to the comments. On June 15, 2020, CIRNA confirmed that the Licensee’s response was satisfactory.

The Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Items 2 and 3 of the Licence and has accepted the document entitled “Dewatering Phase Pumping System Design Report” as required by Part D, Item 2 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 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.

In addition, the Board acknowledges that the the document entitled “Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering” addresses the requirements of the Licence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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