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Subject: Design Report for Waste Rock Storage Facility Dike; 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”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on August 24, 2018, the document entitled: “Design Report of WRSF Dike” dated August 17, 2018 and completed SNC-Lavalin Inc. (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 and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC or former INAC) on July 11, 2018.

Agnico Eagle is developing Whale Tail Pit Project, a satellite deposit located on the Amaruq property, to extend mine operations and milling at Meadowbank Mine. On-site facilities will include a power plant, maintenance facilities, tank farm for fuel storage, water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, drinking water treatment plant, as well as accommodation and kitchen facilities.

The Waste Rock Storage Facility (WRSF) Dike forms one of the key components of the water management infrastructures required during open pit mining of the Whale Tail Pit. The Report states that *the WRSF Dike is a temporary structure which is designed to last until the end of mining at the Whale Tail Pit. The Dike is designed to prevent contact water from snow melt and runoff from direct precipitation on the waste rock stockpile from reporting into Mammoth Lake. The dike will be dismantled once Agnico Eagle demonstrates that the water quality inside the WRSF Pond meets the criteria established in the Whale Tail Project final closure plan.*

The Report included technical specifications, general and field investigation locations’ plans, details on design plan and sections.

On August 24, 2018, the Report was distributed for interested parties' review with a deadline for submissions set at September 14, 2018, 2018. Comments were received from CIRNAC on September 14, 2018. On September 27, 2018, Agnico Eagle provided responses to comments. On October 4, 2018, CIRNAC confirmed that they are satisfied with Agnico Eagle's responses.

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 Waste Rock Storage Facility Dike, 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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