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RE: Use of Hovercraft to Support Ongoing Exploration Activity at Meadowbank

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Larry,

Further to AEM's email of September 9, 2016 and AEM's email of September 13, 2016 indicating that "AEM would not be towing anything behind the hovercraft. All passengers and/or cargo will be on the hovercraft unit," please see the attached response letter from DFO.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

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From: Larry Connell [mailto:larry.connell@agnicoeagle.com]**Sent:** September-09-16 8:19 AM**To:** Patreau, Elizabeth**Subject:** Use of Hovercraft to Support Ongoing Exploration Activity at Meadowbank

Agnico Eagle is proposing to purchase and transport 2 hovercraft units to the Meadowbank site in the 2017 summer sealift season to be used to move people and equipment between Meadowbank and the Amaruq exploration site and to drill sites around both properties starting in the summer of 2017 continuing through the winter of 2017/2018 and onwards. The objective of this pilot project is;

- To use these units to service exploration activities in the area of the Meadowbank and Amaruq sites that are not road accessible;
- To demonstrate that a hovercraft can be used both during winter and summer to access exploration sites without road access without damage to the ground or water at a cost lower than currently experienced using helicopters and without the daylight limitations of using a helicopter.
- To demonstrate viability of using hovercraft for search and rescue activities in the area around Meadowbank.

I have attached a briefing note to this letter providing additional detail on this proposed pilot project including detail on the proposed hovercraft units and on how Agnico Eagle is proposing to use them.

The primary purpose of this letter is to ask Fisheries and Oceans Canada whether your organization is aware of any requirements that must be met to allow these units to be used as proposed on both Inuit and Crown Owned Lands (and on the associated inland waters) in the vicinity of the Meadowbank/Amaruq sites, specifically lands where AEM has already obtained rights to explore, travel or mine under existing leases/permits, etc. We are not aware of any regulatory requirements but felt it prudent to check with Fisheries and Oceans Canada before proceeding.

We would appreciate any advice you could provide us on this proposal. If we hear nothing from you by mid to late October 2016 we will take that to mean you are not aware of any regulatory requirements that AEM must meet within KIA jurisdiction to allow this pilot project to proceed.

Regards

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