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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No.: 2BB-MEA1318

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**RE: Modification - Waste Water Treatment System;
Water Licence No. 2BB-MEA1318 Meadowbank Advanced Exploration Project**

Dear Mr. Frenette:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on July 18, 2017, a request for Modification under Part G of the Water Licence 2BB-MEA1318 (Licence).

The Modification requested is to replace the “Bionest” waste water treatment systems by a membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment system from the company Newterra. This system is designed to have a better effluent quality and due to its capacity, it could be reused at a future production camp site. This membrane bioreactor (MBR) is a combination of an activated sludge biological treatment process with membrane filtration. The ultrafiltration membranes act as a physical barrier against the passage of all particulate solids.

Agnico Eagle also stated that the installation of the new system is planned for September 2017.

The request was distributed for a public review and comments with a deadline for submission set at August 19, 2017. On August 18, 2017, the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) informed the NWB that it has no comments at this time. On August 21, 2017, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) advised the Board that INAC has no concerns regarding the proposed modification.

All information associated with the request have been posted to the NWB’s ftp site at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BB%20-%20Bulk%20Sampling/2BB-MEA1318%20Agnico/3%20TECH/6%20MODIFICATIONS/>

The NWB expresses no concerns regarding the replacement of “Bionest” wastewater treatment systems by a new membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment system, acknowledges that the requested Modification is consistent with the terms of the Licence and accepts the Modification.

The Licensee is reminded that in accordance with Part G, Item 3 of the Licence, the *Licensee shall provide as-built plans and drawings of the Modifications referred to in this Licence within ninety (90) days of completion of the Modification.*

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

Regards,

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