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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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**File No. 2BB-MEA1828/  
Amendment 1**

March 26, 2020

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**RE: Water Licence No: 2BB-MEA1828 – Amendment 1; Relocation of Camp**

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Dear David Frenette,

Please find attached Amendment No: 1 to Licence No: 2BB-MEA1828 Type “B” issued to Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Licensee or Applicant) by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) (**Motion 2019-B1-033**) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSTRA). The terms and conditions of the original Licence related to Water use and Waste disposal remain an integral part of this approval.

The NWB notes that the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) provided documentation<sup>1</sup>, stating that

NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued Aug. 6 2008 and May 12, 2016), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including the former camp location (NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN010). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan... The... project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the NPC is of the understanding that the relocation of the camp does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

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<sup>1</sup> NPC correspondence dated September 19, 2019.

The NWB strongly recommends that the Licensee consult with the comments received from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on issues identified. This information<sup>2</sup> is attached for your consideration.

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and considering the representations made by interested parties, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Nunavut Agreement* and of the *Act*, waived the requirement to hold a public hearing, and determined that:

**Water Licence No: 2BB-MEA1828 be issued and amended (Amendment 1) subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2019-B1-033)**

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Sincerely,

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Lootie Toomasie  
Nunavut Water Board,  
Chair

LT/ak/rqd

Enclosure: Amendment to the Licence No. 2BB-MEA1828

Comments – KIA, DFO

Cc: Distribution List – Kivalliq

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<sup>2</sup> Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), January 10, 2020 and February 7, 2020; Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), January 10, 2020.

## LICENCE AMENDMENT 1

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<b>Licensee:</b>	<b>AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LTD.</b>
<b>Licence No:</b>	<b>2BB-MEA1828 Type “B”</b>
<b>Licence Issued:</b>	<b>March 7, 2018</b>
<b>Amendment 1 Effective Date:</b>	<b>March 26, 2020</b>
<b>Licence Expiry:</b>	<b>March 6, 2028</b>

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Pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSTRA)*, with respect to an application for amendment dated November 13, 2019, made by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Licensee), the Board hereby grants the following Amendment No. 1 to Water Licence No: 2BB-MEA1828.

The Licence issued March 7, 2018, with an expiry date of March 6, 2028, with respect to the use of Water and deposit of Waste during camp operations and during mineral exploration activities consisting of prospecting, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, diamond and reverse circulation drilling, trenching and quarrying, bulk sampling, Water crossings installation during road construction, operation of Storm-water Management Pond, development of portal/ramp, services and operations pads, storage of waste rock and ore on pads, fuel storage, laydown/garage/office/warehouse area for the ramp at Amaruq camp at the Meadowbank Advanced Exploration Project, shall be amended to include the terms and conditions for the following activities:

- Relocation of existing exploration camp within the project boundaries.

### **Procedural History**

On September 19, 2019, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) informed the Board that the proposal conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB).

On November 13, 2019, AEM submitted to the Board an amendment application (Application) to allow for the relocation of the existing Amaruq exploration camp. The Application included the following documents:

- Application for Water Licence Amendment;

- Correspondence from the NPC<sup>3</sup> and the NIRB<sup>4</sup>;
- Main Application Document and Project Description;
- E-mail Correspondence from Applicant with clarifications requested by NWB, dated J November 28 and December 4, 2019;
- *Amaruq and GOT Exploration Projects Spill Contingency Plan* dated August 2019;
- A list of Agnico Eagle's community meetings in relation to the relocation of the Amaruq Camp

On December 04, 2019, the Board distributed the Application for a thirty (30) day comment period. On January 10, 2020, submissions were received from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA). On February 7, 2020, Agnico Eagle provided responses to the intervener comments. On February 7, 2020, NWB received a follow-up correspondence from DFO, to which the Applicant responded on February 24, 2020.

#### Water Use

As the Water source for camp purposes is planned to be changed due to the camp relocation, DFO raised a number of questions ensuring that water withdrawal and stream crossing are done in a way that does not harm aquatic life. The Applicant confirmed that no streams were present on the proposed access route and committed to adhering to DFO's *Interim Code of Practice: End-Of-Pipe Fish Protection Screens for Small Water Intakes in Freshwater*. The Applicant also stated that no blasting activities would be performed. Considering the provided information, the Board authorizes Water use from the unnamed lake located in the proximity of the camp as outlined in the Application. Drilling Water shall be obtained from local Water source(s), proximal to the drilling targets as outlined in the Application. The volume of Water for all purposes shall not exceed two hundred and ninety-nine (299) cubic metres per day.

#### Spill Contingency Plan

During the public review of the Application, the KIA requested a number of changes to the *Amaruq and GOT Exploration Projects Spill Contingency Plan* dated August 2019 and submitted by Agnico Eagle, in relation to mines naming, fuel storage at the camp, emergency contact information, and the provision of MSDS. The Applicant committed to updating the management plan. Therefore, the Board requires Agnico Eagle to provide the updated *Amaruq and GOT Exploration Projects Spill Contingency Plan* dated August 2019 within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Licence.

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<sup>3</sup> Peter Scholz (NPC) to Parties, RE: NPC File # 149209 [Amaruq Exploration Project], dated September 19, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> NIRB, SCREENING DECISION REPORT NIRB FILE No.: 11EN010, dated October 5, 2016.

**AMENDMENT 1**

**The Licence (Page 1), shall be amended to indicate the following:**

**Decision**

Amaruq Camp Location      Latitude: 65° 24' 56" N      Longitude: 96° 37' 48" W

**PART C:      CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE**

Amend Item 1 to Read

The Licensee shall obtain all domestic freshwater from the unnamed lake located in the proximity of the camp, as outlined in the application. Drill/industrial Water shall be obtained from local Water source(s) proximal to the drilling targets, as outlined in the application. The volume of Water for the purposes of this Licence shall not exceed two hundred and ninety-nine (299) cubic metres per day.

**PART H:      CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

Amend Item 1 to Read

Within thirty (30) days of the Licence issuance, the Licensee shall provide to the Board for approval an update to the Plan entitled "*Amaruq and GOT Exploration Projects Spill Contingency Plan*" dated August 2019. The updates are to take into account commitments made by the Licensee during the 2019-2020 licensing process for this Amendment 1.

**All remaining terms and conditions of Type "B" Water Licence No: 2BB-MEA1828 dated March 7, 2018, shall continue to apply.**

This Licence Amendment issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut on March 26, 2020.

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**Lootie Toomasie**  
**Chairman, Nunavut Water Board**