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NWB reference
#8BC-WTP----

Via email to: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Karen Kharatyan
A/Manager of Licencing
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Mr. Kharatyan:

Re: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) response to Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.'s (AEM) letter dated February 9th responding to intervenors comments submitted on January 29, 2018 on AEM's Application for a New Type B Water Licence for Pre-Development Work for the Proposed Whale Tail Pit Project

Thank you for your email on February 9, 2018, concerning the above mentioned water licence application process, requesting comments on February 14, which was subsequently extended to February 21.

INAC has reviewed AEM's submission relating to INAC's comments on the Water Licence application 8BC-WTP---- submitted on January 29, 2018. INAC finds AEM's responses to INAC's concerns satisfactory.

INAC however still recommends and thinks it is appropriate for water licence 8BC-WTP- --- to have its own standalone approved management plans in place prior to the commencement of any work. INAC believes and thinks that this request is not too onerous.

INAC would like to further point out that not having separate management plans for each individual licence makes it very difficult for water resources officers to carry out effective inspections having to look at approved management plans under several different licences, in this case, for the 8BC-WTP---- water licence.



In having stated this, INAC defers to the NWB and its decision making authority on how management plans are to be approved and followed for water licence 8BC-WTP----.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 819-953-8988 or email at ian.parsons@canada.ca for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

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A/Manager Water Resources,