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May 14, 2024

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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the New Water Licence Application for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Anuraaqtuq Exploration Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-ANU---

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the April 15, 2024, invitation to review the above-mentioned water licence application, submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., for Type "B" Water Licence No. 2BE-ANU---.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown Indigenous and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC comments and recommendations in the attached Technical Memorandum.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at LeeAnn.Pugh@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or (867) 975-4555 or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Pugh

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Regional Water Coordinator



Technical Review Memorandum

Date: May 14, 2024

To: Richard Dwyer, Licensing Administrator, Nunavut Water Board

From: Lee Ann Pugh, Regional Water Coordinator, CIRNAC

Subject: **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the New Water Licence Application for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Anuraaqtuq Exploration Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-ANU-**

Region: ☐ Kitikmeot ☒ Kivalliq ☐ Qikiqtani

A. Background

The Anuraaqtuq exploration project is located on the west side of the Meadowbank property and at a distance between 85 km to 105 km mostly north of the Baker Lake community. The distance between these properties and the Meadowbank Camp site is between 24 km to 50 km. The exploration activities planned on these properties include prospection, till sampling, geophysical surveys, and diamond drilling.

Workers will be accommodated at the Meadowbank camp site and transport to and from the exploration sites will be conducted daily by helicopter. Transport of the equipment during the exploration season would be done by helicopter. Part of the equipment might be brought to the site by ground transportation during winter.

An exploration shelter located approximately at following coordinates: 96°48'47"W 65°6'52"N, consists of 3 small tents will include 2 tents to accommodate core logging and sampling activities. A third tent will be equipped to handle emergency medical aid.

Most of the equipment planned to be used in the area will be the same that is used for the exploration activities in the Meadowbank exploration area. Secondary containments (berms) will be installed to store up to approximately 14,000 liters of fuel and gas (± 70) drums or an equivalent volume in transportable double-wall tanks).



Table 1: Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation Number	Subject
R-01	Surface Authorizations
R-02	Security information
R-03	Management Plans

B. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND REFERENCED

The following table (Table 2) provides a list of the documents reviewed under the submission and reference during the review.

Table 2: Documents Reviewed and Referenced

Document Title	Author, File, No., Rev., Date
NPC Letter re Meadowbank Regional Exploration	NPC, 2024-04-16
Application for Water Licence	NWB, 2024-05-07
160115-15EN050-Screening Decision Report	NIRB, 2016-01-15
Project Summary English	AEM, ND
Project Summary Inuktitut	AEM, ND
Anuraaqtuq Closure and Reclamation Plan_V1	AEM, May 2023
Map_Anuraaqtuq	AEM, 2024-05-07
Spill Contingency Plan EXPLO_MBK complex_v13	AEM, May 2024
Main application document_Anuraaqtuq_2024	AEM, 2024-05-02

C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

1. Land Authorizations

Comment:

In section 6 of the Water Licence Application, the Applicant states the proposed undertaking will be carried out on the surface of Crown Land under the authority of CIRNAC. CIRNAC notes the Date (expected date) of issuance and date of expiry for the authorization is missing.

Recommendation:



(R-01) CIRNAC recommends the Applicant provide the missing information before the issuance of a water licence.

2. Security Information

Comment:

In section 24 of the water licence renewal application, the Applicant has not provided an estimate of the total financial security for final reclamation over the life of the undertaking.

Recommendation:

(R-02) CIRNAC recommends the Applicant provide the missing information.

3. Management Plans

Comment:

The Applicant has not provided a Waste Management Plan to the Board for review.

Recommendation:

(R-03) CIRNAC recommends the Applicant provide the missing information.