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October 29, 2026

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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Licence Renewal Application for Greyhound Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-GRE2126

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the June 01, 2026 invitation to review the referenced licence and renewal application, submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., for Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-GRE2126.

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 Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC comments and recommendations in the attached Technical Memorandum.

The applicant shall provide confirmation from the Nunavut Water Board that all outstanding water license fees have been paid in full prior to approval of this application.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Simran Sandhu at (343) 777-5238 or simran.sandhu@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or andrew.keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Technical Review Memorandum

Date: October 29, 2026

To: Richard Dwyer – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Simran Sandhu – Water Management Specialist, CIRNAC

Subject: **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Licence Renewal Application for Greyhound Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-GRE2126**

Region: ☐ Kitikmeot ☒ Kivalliq ☐ Qikiqtani

A. BACKGROUND

The Greyhound Project is a mineral exploration project located approximately 40–50 kilometres north of Baker Lake in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut, near Whitehills Lake. The project area is located at approximately 64°38′ N latitude and 96°19′ W longitude. Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. operates the project and is responsible for managing the authorizations required for mineral exploration activities.

The project involves mineral exploration activities, including geophysical surveys, mineral prospecting, and diamond drilling to investigate potential base and precious metal deposits. The Licensee is applying to renew Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-GRE2126, which is set to expire in October 2026. No amendments to the existing licence are proposed, and no exploration camp is expected to be established at the project site. Workers will be accommodated at the Meadowbank Mine camp. The existing water licence authorizes the Licensee to use up to 100 m³/day of water from sources located near the drilling sites, selected based on the drilling targets. Angico Eagle Mines Ltd. is requesting a 10 year licence.

CIRNAC provides the following comments and recommendations pertaining to the application package. A summary of the subjects of recommendations can be found in Table 1. Documents reviewed as part of this submission can be found in Table 2 of Section B. Detailed technical review comments can be found in Section C.

Table 1: Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation Number	Subject
R-01	Incomplete application for Water Licence Renewal
R-02	Term of the Water Licence

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
260601 2BE-GRE2126 100401-Application_for_Water_Licence_Renewal-IMLE.pdf	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., August 24, 2026
260601 2BE-GRE2126 2026-05-05 -NPC File # 151194-IMLE.pdf	Nunavut Planning Commission, August 24, 2026
260601 2BE-GRE2126 renewal application_Non technical summary_EN-IMLE.pdf	Nunavut Water Board, August 24, 2026
260601 2BE-GRE2126 renewal application_Non technical summary_EN-iu-IMLE.pdf	Nunavut Water Board, August 24, 2026

C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

1. Incomplete application for Water Licence Renewal

Comment:

The water licence renewal application is incomplete, as several sections lack required information and supporting documentation. Due to these information gaps, this limits CIRNAC's ability to review the application and assess the proposed undertaking, including water use, waste management, environmental impacts, authorizations, and compliance with the existing water licence.

Recommendation:

(R-01) CIRNAC recommends that the Licensee complete all the sections of the water licence renewal application by providing the missing information and supporting documentation. CIRNAC further recommends that no licence renewal be granted until a complete application for renewal is filed with the Board and is available for review and comment by Regulators.

2. Term of the Water Licence

Comment:

The Licensee has requested a ten years in water licence renewal application. However, the typical term for Type B licences associated with exploration activities is five years due to the temporary and variable nature of these projects.

Recommendation:

(R-02) CIRNAC recommends that the Licensee revise the requested renewal term to five years, consistent with the typical term for Type B exploration licence.