



September 05, 2024

Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
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Re: Modification Request of Water Licence 2BE-HOP2232

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) conducts advanced exploration activities under the 2BE-HOP2232 Licence, which is associated with the Hope Bay Regional Exploration Project located within the Kitikmeot Region, in Nunavut. The following outlines the requested Modification activities.

1 Scope

1.1 Description of Undertaking

The present application is to construct a gravel track to support Regional Exploration activities around Patch Lake for year-round activity under the 2BE-HOP Licence. Refer to Figure 1 for the location of the proposal gravel track. There are no other changes requested to the previously licensed activities as part of this Modification.

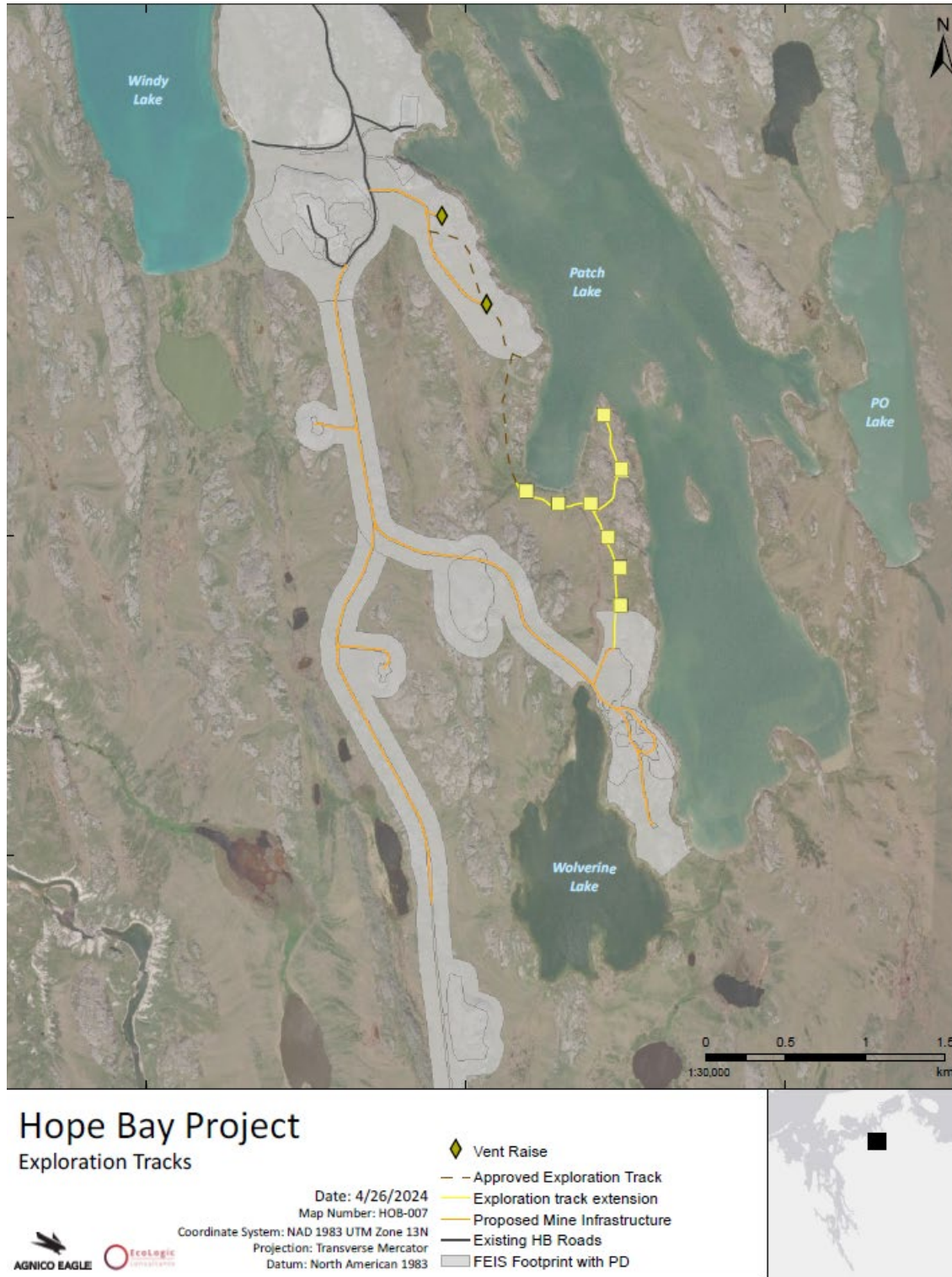
Agnico Eagle is proposing the following activities as part of the Modification to the 2BE-HOP Licence:

- Development of a gravel track to allow for Exploration to explore around Patch Lake year-round adding significant economic value to Hope Bay
- Sourcing gravel material from an approved quarry
- Watercourse crossings at locations along the gravel track

In April 2024, Agnico Eagle had discussions with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) regarding the plan for the gravel track. Based on discussion, the KitIA did not express concern regarding the routing of the gravel track. In addition, the gravel track was presented to the Inuit Environmental Advisory Committee (IEAC) in July 3-4, 2024 and no concerns were raised.

Further, on August 28, 2024, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued a conformity determination (NPC File No. 150502) that the activities were exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

Figure 1: Proposed Gravel Track



1.2 Gravel Track Description

Agnico Eagle will develop a temporary exploration gravel track, for specific use by exploration, approximately 2 km which will advance along the west and to the south of Patch Lake (Figure 1) to allow for Exploration to explore around Patch Lake year-round adding significant economic value to Hope Bay. The exploration drills cannot be moved along the land and require a gravel track to move from one location to the next. This activity is anticipated to commence once required regulatory approvals are in place.

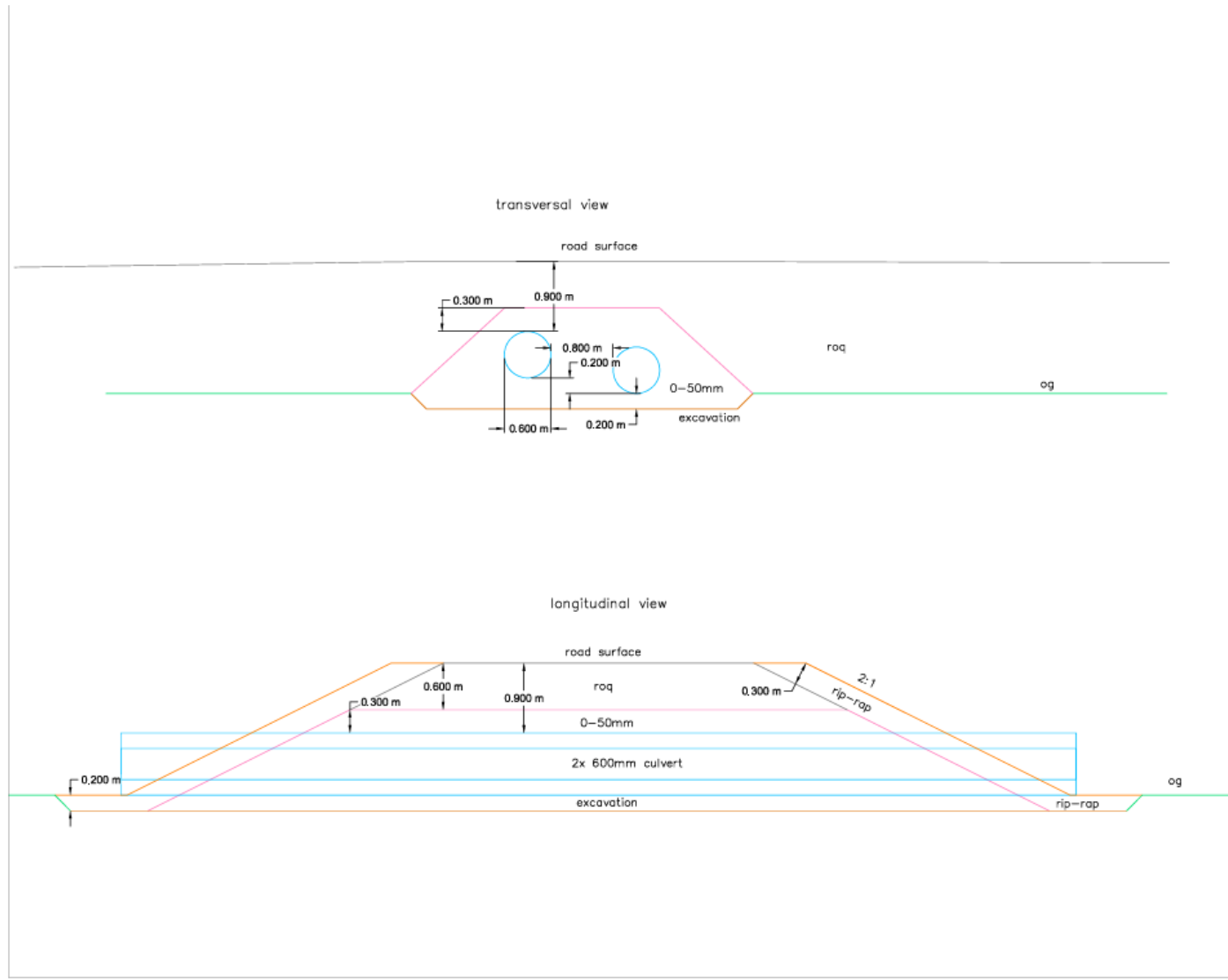
Drill surfaces will be needed along the gravel track, which are small sections that extend off the gravel track, that are required to allow for a flat working surface for the drill. These small sections that extend off the gravel track will only be used for that purpose.



Material for the gravel track will be sourced from approved sources and will be of non-acid generation potential and non-metal leaching.

All construction activity and staging is expected to occur from the road surface. Material will be placed and then manipulated from the road with machinery. Construction of the road will require the use of heavy machinery such as a backhoe (Caterpillar 330 or similar), grader, dump truck, and / or crane.

A typical cross-section of the gravel track proposed for construction is provided below.

As per 2BE-HOP Licence, Part F, Items 1 and 2, with respect to gravel track, Agnico Eagle will respect the high-water mark and will not conduct any land-based drilling or dispose of any wastes within 31 m of the high-water mark of any waterbody.



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1.3 Watercourse Crossings

The gravel track will cross one watercourse which will require a culvert for water flow, and one culvert to allow fish passage. While existing authorizations will continue in effect for the Hope Bay Project, Agnico Eagle will need a new approval from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) which will include a Request for Review and Letter of Authorization. Agnico Eagle will work directly with DFO for the necessary review and approval for the fish bearing culvert. Watercourses with proposed culvert crossings are intermittent and are expected to be frozen solid or dry at the time of installation.

The image below presents the general locations of the two culvert locations.



Figure 1: General Locations of Proposed Watercourse Crossings

1.4 Monitoring and Management Plans

Agnico Eagle does not foresee changes to mitigation and monitoring currently in place and are sufficient for this new activity.

2 Closure

If you require any further information in relation to NWB's consideration of this request, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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