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File No: 8BC-MEA

June 29, 2007

Ms. Louise Grondin
 Vice-President Environment
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Dear Ms. Grondin,

Re: **Meadowbank Project – Application for Type B Water License for the Baker Lake Tank Farm and Marshalling Area**

Further to the 8BC-MEA Water License Application (the Application) for the Baker Land Tank Farm and Marshalling area components of the Meadowbank Project, and your e-mail dated June 19, 2007, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has identified two issues:

- 1) The Application splits the water license requirements for this Project into two licenses – a Type B License for the Baker Lake Tank Farm and Marshalling Area components and a Type A License for the balance of the Meadowbank Project. While the Board does not generally permit splitting projects for purposes of water licensing, the Board accepts that periodically certain components of a project, such as the construction of the road to the Meadowbank site, may require licensing prior to the main project. Accordingly, the Board proposes to proceed with processing the Application as required by the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, including distributing the Application for public review. If and when an application for a Type A license is received, the NWB will incorporate the Baker Lake Tank Farm and Marshalling Area components subject to the Type B license into the Type A license.
- 2) In the NWB's view the Nunavut Impact Review Board Project Certificate No. 004, dated December 30, 2006 applies to this Application. This includes Condition #5 which states:

“Cumberland shall meet with respective licensing authorities prior to the commencement of construction to discuss the posting of adequate performance bonding. Licensing authorities are encouraged to take every measure to require that sufficient security is posted before construction begins. This bonding should not duplicate other amounts of security required (eg. the NWB).”

Accordingly, the NWB requests the Applicant provide an assessment of security for the Baker Lake Tank Farm and Marshalling Area components as soon as possible. If the Applicant already has bonding in place for this facility, this should also be indicated. The NWB will give full consideration to any security requirements associated with the Type B license if and when an application for a Type A license is received.

By copy of this letter the NWB requests the Distribution List provide comments on the NWB's direction on these two issues. By copy of this letter to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), the Board formally requests NPC to confirm that the conformity assessment dated June 15, 2006 may be applied to this application. By copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by the application, we invite interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date of this letter. Supplemental information received from the Applicant, particularly with regard to a security assessment, will be provided to the Distribution List as the information is received.

The Board further notes that the Application was filed by Meadowbank Mining Corporation. Accordingly, the NWB requests clarification from Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. as to the name of the applicant. If the license is to be issued to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., or any entity other than Meadowbank Mining Corporation, the NWB requires formal notification of the change in applicant name.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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A/Executive Director

cc: Distribution List - Kivalliq
 Nunavut Impact Review Board