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P.O. Box 119
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**Re: Spill Contingency Plan, Operating and Maintenance Manual, and
Water Use and Management Plan– Agnico-Eagle Meadowbank
Project Baker Lake Facilities – Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the Spill Contingency Plan, the Operating and Maintenance Manual and the Water Use and Management Plan for the Agnico-Eagle Meadowbank Project Baker Lake Facilities submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NW&NSRT) and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act). In conducting our review, INAC referred to the documents on the NWB's FTP-site under 8BC-MEA. INAC recommends that the NWB take into consideration the following comments when reviewing these Plans and Manual.

Spill Contingency Plan

- INAC requests the Proponent report all spills to both the Nunavut Spill Report Line and Peter Kusugak, INAC Manager of Field Operations, Phone: (867) 975-4295, facsimile (867) 975-4560. Please update table 7.2 (page 26) in the Spill Contingency Plan to include the aforementioned name and telephone numbers.
- As the Meadowbank Project Baker Lake Facilities are located next to Baker Lake which serves as the Municipality of Baker Lake's drinking water source, INAC requests the Proponent expand and review section 8.3 FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS and Appendix D: General Response Procedures for Spilled Chemical Substances, Flammable and Combustible Liquids D.1. This section and appendix should include spills on and under ice, and the procedures for spills to water should be expanded. The Proponent states that Section 8.3 and Appendix D will be reviewed "prior to operations to assess the requirement for chemical-specific spill response plans for flammable and combustible liquids." INAC requests the Proponent notify the NWB and INAC when completed.



Water Use and Management Plan

- In two previous letters to the NWB (July 17, 2007 and July 23, 2007) INAC stated: “Section 3.7 of the Water Use and Management Plan states *“baseline water quality for surface flow at the marshalling area was not known at the time of writing the report”*. INAC requests to know if baseline water quality data has since been presented and if not, when the proponent intends on submitting such data for the public record.” This issue is still outstanding. INAC requests that the Proponent clarifies whether baseline water quality data has been provided, or when it will be supplied to the Board for our review.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by email at ReinhartF@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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