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Sent via email: guy.dufour@agnicoeagle.com

Re: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects and Board Recommendation

Dear Guy Dufour:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is hereby releasing its *2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects* (Monitoring Report) which includes the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or the Proponent) Compliance Status with both the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 002 (including Appendices) and the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project Certificate No. 009 (including Appendices)¹. This report provides the findings that resulted from the monitoring of these Projects from October 2023 to September 2024. In Addition, in the 2022-2023 monitoring year, Agnico Eagle submitted the report after the commenting period had closed meaning that Reviewers were unable to comment on the report. As such, the NIRB allowed comments to be submitted on the Report 2022 Annual Report during the 2023-2024 Monitoring Period.

Recommendations

In 2021 the wastewater line into Roberts Bay was damaged from ice, and updates in 2022 and 2023 identified further challenges in repairing the diffuser with proposed alternatives to ensure the diffuser remained at depth to avoid future damage from ice. The Proponent's *2023 Annual Report* indicated that the work would be completed in the summer of 2024.

¹ Based on the NIRB's monitoring activities as set out within the respective Project Certificates, Sections 12.7.1 and 12.7.2 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 135 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

Recommendation 1: The Proponent provide an updated design regarding the completed repairs to the wastewater line and diffuser as well as a discussion on how it will prevent future damage. The information should be provided in the 2024 Annual Report to the NIRB.

All documents relating to this Monitoring Report can be obtained from the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/123632 and at www.nirb.ca/project/124148. Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding this request or related to the NIRB's monitoring program for the Doris North Gold Mine and the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects, please contact the undersigned directly at cbarker@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: *The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects*