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**RE: Acknowledgement of the 2018 Annual Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Itivia Quarry" Project**

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Dear Manon Turmel:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) 2018 Annual Report for the "Itivia Quarry" project on April 8, 2019 as required pursuant to Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 1 of the Screening Decision Report, dated April 13, 2017.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 1 states:

1. *The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the NIRB with copies provided to the Nunavut Water Board, Government of Nunavut-Department of Community and Government Services, and the Municipality of Rankin Inlet by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of permitted activities. The annual report must contain, but not limited to, the following information:*
  - a. *A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including: a map showing the approximate location of active quarry and borrow sites and buffer zones;*
  - b. *A summary of additional studies and environmental management activities undertaken in the year, including any corrective actions implemented, for wildlife, soil, and acid rock drainage/metal leaching potential, and marine and freshwater resources. The summary should also include the results of monitoring of the quality of water in contact with its operations and any water diversions implemented;*
  - c. *A summary of activities undertaken to ensure blasting activities comply with DFO's Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters; including commitments made during the assessment of the project such as:*
    - i. *Use of explosives only during non-critical periods for the protection of fish and marine mammals;*

- ii. *Map showing detonation locations and locations of any marine mammals and associated habitat;*
- d. *A summary of reclamation activities undertaken in the year, including progressive reclamation, and an updated Closure and Reclamation Plan with timing for final site closure;*
- e. *An updated blast design protocol that includes:*
  - i. *Management of the use of ammonium nitrate to prevent spillage during blasting operations;*
  - ii. *Preventative measures to ensure minimum impacts to fish during fish spawning periods by limiting the weight of explosives to be used at any time, and confining blasting activities to a minimum of 31 metres from freshwater bodies; and*
- f. *A description of local hires and initiatives associated with the project.*

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that Agnico Eagle's 2018 Annual Report for the "Itivia Quarry" project contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125046](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125046).

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or at [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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