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Re: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects and Board Recommendations

Dear Marie-Pier Marcil,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is hereby releasing its *2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Gold Mine Project* (Meadowbank; NIRB File No. 03MN107) and the *Whale Tail Pit Project* (Whale Tail; NIRB File No. 16MN056) (the Monitoring Report) and the NIRB's Assessment of Agnico Eagle Limited's (Agnico Eagle) Compliance Status with the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Project Certificates No. 004 and No. 008, respectively¹. This Report provides findings that resulted from the monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Mine and the Whale Tail Pit Projects from October 2022 to September 2023.

Recommendations

In the *2023 Annual report*, the Proponent indicated that it had completed a "Natural Recovery and Active Restoration of Tundra Plant-Soil Systems study in 2022"; however, the results of this work have not yet been used to inform and update the interim closure and reclamation plan for the Meliadine Project.

Recommendation 1: Agnico Eagle provide an update within its 2024 Annual Report on the results of their Natural Recovery and Active Restoration of the Tundra Plan Soil

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).

Systems study and when they will be incorporated into the Interim Closure and Reclamation plan for the project.

All materials pertaining to the NIRB's ongoing monitoring program for the Meadowbank Gold Mine and the Whale Tail Pit Projects can be accessed from the NIRB's online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253 (Meadowbank) and www.nirb.ca/project/125418 (Whale Tail Pit).

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding these recommendations in particular or relating to the NIRB's monitoring programs for the Meadowbank Gold Mine or Whale Tail Pit Projects, please contact the undersigned directly at kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023-2024 *Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107) & Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB File No. 16MN056)*

cc: Meadowbank Distribution List
Whale Tail Distribution List