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WHALE TAIL PIT PROJECT PROPOSAL

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1 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 6:37 PM)

2 THE CHAIR COPLAND: Good evening, and thank you
3 for coming. Good evening. My name is Elizabeth
4 Copland. I am the Chair for the Nunavut Impact Review
5 Board or NIRB. Before we proceed, I would like
6 everyone to know there will be interpretation
7 available. Unfortunately, we only have one interpreter
8 tonight, so we will give her some breaks, and we'll try
9 to get her an assistant soon.

10 There are sign-in sheets when you come in, so each
11 time after a break, after lunch hour, or when we're
12 coming back in the evening, please sign in again.

13 The washrooms are located just when you enter the
14 building to your right. There's coffee and tea
15 available in the back, and please turn off your
16 cell phones or put on silent or vibrate before you
17 begin. Put them on silent mode or just turn off your
18 cellphones, please.

19 Before we begin, I'm going to ask Joedee Joedee to
20 please give the opening prayer, if somebody can hand
21 him a mic. Thank you.

22 (OPENING PRAYER)

23 THE CHAIR: Yes. Thank you very much.

24 We have the mayor or Hamlet representative here
25 tonight from Baker Lake. You can come up, and please
26 feel welcome.

1 Opening Remarks by the Hamlet of Baker Lake

2 SHAWN ATTUNGALA: Hello, hello, hello. Good
3 evening, and welcome to beautiful Baker Lake. Welcome.
4 I'm Shawn Attungala, deputy mayor. Our mayor will be
5 joining us in a few days. She's attending the mayors'
6 meeting in Rankin right now.

7 Everyone, enjoy your stay in our beautiful
8 community for this important gathering and three days
9 of productive meetings and debate. Every organization
10 here today has a role to play: NIRB, Nunavut Water
11 Board, GN, KIA, Federal Government, and the other
12 organizations. The Hamlet's role is to create
13 opportunities for all people of Baker Lake while
14 supporting responsible resource development, protecting
15 the environment, and creating a diversified economy for
16 all.

17 My father -- my late father, Norman Attungala,
18 former KIA director, former mayor, and former DEA
19 chair, and many other of the respected elders fully
20 supported the Meadowbank Gold project to create
21 opportunities for me, my family, my children, and the
22 community. We are looking forward to continuing our
23 positive working relationship with Agnico Eagle Mines
24 to discuss legacy projects and infrastructure needs,
25 for example, a utilidor, runway extension, trade
26 school, or even a university of the arctic, and we are

1 looking forward to working with the KIA to address the
2 community's major issues and concerns.

3 The Hamlet of Baker Lake fully supports the Whale
4 Tail Project. Mat'na. Thank you.

5 Opening Remarks by the Chair

6 THE CHAIR: Mat'na. Thank you. On behalf
7 of the Nunavut Impact Review Board and staff, welcome
8 to Baker Lake and to the final hearing regarding the
9 Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, the Whale Tail Pit Project
10 proposal, a proposed gold mine development in the
11 Kivalliq Region of Nunavut within the Amaruq
12 exploration area.

13 Thank you to the community of Baker Lake for
14 hosting us, and thank you to the meeting participants
15 for your patience as we adjust the schedule for this
16 hearing.

17 Throughout this final hearing, the Nunavut Impact
18 Review Board will be hearing evidence, asking
19 questions, and listening to comments and concerns
20 regarding Agnico Eagle's assessment of the potential
21 effects of the proposed Whale Tail Project.

22 Agnico Eagle's assessment has been set out in its
23 environmental impact statement, which has been reviewed
24 and commented on by the intervenors presenting at this
25 hearing.

26 In addition to Baker Lake, we have invited

1 representatives from each of the communities of the
2 Kivalliq. Unfortunately, there are some
3 representatives that could not come in due to weather
4 in Arviat, Whale Cove, and maybe some in Rankin.

5 So, Karen Yip, you're in the clear.

6 As this proposed major development could have
7 effects throughout the region, community
8 representatives and the general public will have
9 opportunity on Thursday and Friday during the community
10 roundtable to express their views and ask questions
11 directly to Agnico Eagle Mines. Well, from -- from the
12 surrounding communities like Whale Cove and Rankin, as
13 well, including those other communities, you'll be
14 given an opportunity to speak directly to Agnico Eagle.

15 Included on the basis of all evidence,
16 information, comments, and concerns provided to the
17 Board throughout its review, the Nunavut Impact Review
18 Board will determine whether or not the proposed
19 project is allowed to proceed and, if so, under what
20 terms and conditions.

21 The Board's report will be provided to the
22 Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs and the
23 other government ministers who have responsibility
24 under the Nunavut Agreement for responding to the
25 Board's recommendation and for making the final
26 decision regarding this proposed project.

1 The responsible ministers will then have the
2 option of accepting, varying, or rejecting the Board's
3 report and associated recommendations. If the Board
4 determines that the project should be allowed to
5 proceed, the Board may also recommend terms and
6 conditions to be included in a project certificate for
7 the Whale Tail Pit Project. Such terms and conditions
8 would be limited to items that, in the Board's review,
9 would be required to appropriately manage and mitigate
10 the potential -- the socioeconomic and ecosystemic
11 effects of the proposed activities.

12 As this project is associated with some of the
13 components of the existing Meadowbank Gold Mine, any
14 terms and conditions that could be recommended to
15 support this project proceeding would need to be
16 coordinated with those in the existing Meadowbank
17 project certificate.

18 Moving on to introductions. I am the Chair, and I
19 live in Whale Cove, and I'll ask the rest of the Board
20 members to introduce themselves.

21 MR. ALIKUT: Thank you. I'm Guy Alikut. I
22 am from Arviat. I have -- I am a NIRB Board member.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. KADLUN: Phillip Kadlun. I'm from
25 Kugluktuk, Nunavut Impact Review Board.

26 MS. KALURAQ: I am Kaviq Kaluraq. I was

1 born and raised in Baker and now live -- reside in
2 Iqaluit.

3 MR. OHOKANNOAK: I am Henry Ohokannoak. I live
4 in Cambridge Bay. I am a NIRB Board member.

5 MR. MAGHAGAK: I'm Allen Maghagak. I'm
6 originally from Cambridge Bay. I have had to move to
7 Ottawa. I work for NTI, and I'm also a NIRB Board
8 member. Thank you.

9 THE CHAIR: It's so exciting to be here.
10 We will hear all your concerns, comments, and if you
11 have any questions, please feel free to ask questions.
12 The Board has a number of staff members attending who
13 have contributed to the NIRB's administration and
14 technical review of this project proposal, as well as
15 our legal counsel. When I say your name, I would ask
16 that you just wave to the audience.

17 We have Teresa Meadows, our legal counsel;
18 Ryan Barry, executive director; Sophia Granchinho,
19 manager of the impact assessment; Stephanie Taptuna,
20 outreach coordinator -- she's in the back -- and Talia
21 Maksagak, our junior technical advisor. Tongue-tied.

22 Okay. As part of the Nunavut Impact Review
23 Board's coordinated project with the Nunavut Water
24 Board, the Nunavut Water Board has scheduled a hearing
25 for next week here in Baker Lake as part of its
26 consideration of the water licence application

1 associated with the Whale Tail Pit Project. We are
2 joined today by Karen Kharatyan. He's the senior
3 technical advisor from the Nunavut Water Board.

4 Sorry if I mispronounced your name.

5 We were supposed to have an assistant for Josie,
6 our interpreter/translator, but we're working on it. I
7 don't know if Louis Taparti got in. If you have seen
8 him, please let us know.

9 Will we have somebody helping?

10 MS. GRANCHINHO: Yeah.

11 THE CHAIR: Carmen Qaqimat. Okay.

12 Welcome. Thank you.

13 And managing our audio system is William Nicoll.
14 If you have any trouble with your earpiece or need help
15 with the mic, please let him know.

16 To ensure an accurate record of the proceeding, we
17 will be keeping a transcript of these proceedings, and
18 to assist us, we have Sara Anderson and Elizabeth Royal
19 from Dicta Court Reporting.

20 And I would also like to notify all participants
21 that these proceedings are open to the media should
22 they choose to attend. If possible, we do ask that
23 media wear a badge to let us know that you are
24 representing a media outlet, and I would ask that they
25 please take a moment to introduce themselves now, if
26 somebody's here from the media. Not tonight.

1 The Board welcomes the media providing information
2 about this final hearing; however, I remind everyone
3 that the Board members and staff cannot and will not
4 take questions or provide comments to the media. If
5 you have any general questions about the Board and its
6 practices or procedures, please speak to our executive
7 director, Ryan Barry.

8 Prior to identifying and introducing all the
9 parties in attendance today -- tonight, I will provide
10 a brief overview of the project proposal that is before
11 the Board. We will discuss our agenda. Whale Tail
12 Project is the proposed open-pit gold mine in the
13 Kivalliq Region located at the Amaruq property
14 approximately 150 kilometres north of the hamlet of
15 Baker Lake and approximately 50 kilometres northwest of
16 the Meadowbank Gold Mine.

17 The proponent for the Whale Tail Pit Project is
18 Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, or we can call them "the
19 proponent". Agnico Eagle is proposing to develop an
20 open-pit gold mine using conventional open-pit methods.
21 Facilities associated with the Whale Tail Pit Project
22 would include a camp to house employees, waste rock
23 storage facilities, ore stockpiling facilities,
24 bulk-fuel storage facilities, and water management
25 infrastructure.

26 Ore would be trucked daily along the Amaruq haul

1 road to the existing Meadowbank Gold Mine for milling
2 and extraction of the gold. Agnico Eagle proposes to
3 use the existing marine infrastructure here in
4 Baker Lake to support shipment of materials required
5 for construction of the project, as well as annual
6 resupply of fuel and supply during the open-water
7 season. Construction of the Whale Tail Pit Project is
8 proposed to begin early 2018 with operations commencing
9 in the late 2018 and continuing into 2022. This would
10 be followed by closure of the site over approximately
11 seven years and ending in post-closure monitoring.

12 We will be hearing from the proponent directly
13 throughout this evening and this week. Now I'll give a
14 file history. In terms of the file history with the
15 project, the Nunavut Impact Review Board first received
16 the Whale Tail Pit Project proposal directly from
17 Agnico Eagle Mines in May of 2016. At that time, the
18 proponent had submitted the proposal as a request to
19 amend the Meadowbank Project. After reviewing the
20 submission publicly and soliciting comments from
21 potentially interested communities, agencies, and
22 individuals, the Board determined that the Whale Tail
23 Pit should be considered independently and not as an
24 amendment to the Meadowbank Gold Mine, and this led to
25 Board -- to initiate a screening level assessment for
26 the project proposal.

1 The Board issued its screening decision report to
2 the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs on
3 August 18, 2016. In its report, the Board set out in
4 detail its determination that the proposed Whale Tail
5 Pit Project required a public review in accordance with
6 Article 12 of the Nunavut Agreement and Part 3 of the
7 Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act.

8 On September 2, 2016, the Minister referred the
9 Whale Tail Pit Project proposal to Nunavut Impact
10 Review Board for a full environmental review in
11 accordance with Part 5 of Article 12 of the Nunavut
12 Agreement and Part 3 of the Nunavut Planning and
13 Project Assessment Act.

14 In the referral, the Minister also directed the
15 Board to ensure that it's adequately considered the
16 potential for accumulative effects associated with the
17 proposed project, while encouraging the Board's effort
18 to coordinate its process with the Nunavut Water Board
19 to the extent possible.

20 After distributing the proposal to the public for
21 comments and conducting public scoping meetings in
22 potentially impacted communities, the Nunavut Impact
23 Review Board issued the final scope of its assessment
24 on November 10, 2016. On November 10, 2016, the Board
25 also determined that the project proposal submitted by
26 Agnico Eagle Mines complied with the requirements of

1 the -- of an environment impact statement, and this
2 allowed the Board to commence a public technical review
3 of the documents. This was November 25, 2016.

4 As a result of Agnico Eagle's request for a
5 coordinated regulatory process, from April 28 to May 2,
6 2017, the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Nunavut
7 Water Board hosted a joint-technical meeting and
8 prehearing conference here in Baker Lake that you may
9 remember. This was an application for a Type A water
10 licence for the Whale Tail Pit Project. Following the
11 prehearing conference on June 8, 2017, the Board's
12 issued a joint prehearing conference decision to Agnico
13 Eagle Mines identifying outstanding issues that were to
14 be addressed prior to the final hearing.

15 After considering the Board's direction and
16 working to address outstanding issues, on July 17,
17 2017, Agnico Eagle provided the Nunavut Impact Review
18 Board with additional information required to support
19 the assessment. This information was subsequently
20 accepted by the Board and circulated for public
21 technical review. And while public notice of this
22 final hearing was also released following a period for
23 parties to submit final written submissions, Agnico
24 Eagle Mines provided a response to these final written
25 submissions, and parties have been allowed time to
26 submit presentations according to direction of the

1 NIRB's prehearing conference decision.

2 For anyone interested in looking at the
3 documentation associated with this assessment, please
4 see our staff, and they can provide you with a copy.

5 Now that we're up to date about the review of the
6 Whale Tail Pit Project proposal, I'd like to give a
7 brief description of what this final hearing involves
8 and what you can expect.

9 The Board is here to conduct this final hearing
10 under the authority of the Nunavut Agreement,
11 Article 12, Part 5, Section 12.5.3 and 102 (1) of the
12 Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act. It is the
13 Board's duty to assess and evaluate the potential
14 socioeconomic and ecosystemic impacts of the proposed
15 Whale Tail Pit Project and to determine whether or not
16 the project should be allowed to proceed.

17 In making this determination, the primary
18 objectives of the Board are to protect and promote the
19 existing and future well-being of the residents and
20 communities of the Nunavut settlement area and Canada
21 in general and also to protect and promote the
22 ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut settlement area.

23 The Board is conducting this final hearing to hear
24 evidence, comments, and concerns from Agnico Eagle,
25 from the intervenors, community members, and other
26 interested parties about the proposed project to assist

1 the Board's decision-making.

2 In particular, the Board has asked the
3 proponent -- has -- have asked the proponent to focus
4 on providing additional information regarding the areas
5 of deficiency identified on the Board's report. During
6 the hearing, the Board will listen to the submissions
7 of all parties appearing on the record of the hearing.

8 The Board is holding this final hearing in
9 Baker Lake as the community which would be most
10 affected directly by the proposed project. NIRB has
11 invited five community representatives from
12 Chesterfield Inlet, from Whale Cove, Naujaat, Rankin
13 Inlet, Coral Harbour, and Arviat. I don't know if the
14 other representatives will be coming either tomorrow --

15 MR. BARRY: We're working on it.

16 THE CHAIR: And the staff is working on
17 that.

18 So welcome, everybody. Tunngahugluhi. When this
19 final hearing concludes and the hearing record closes,
20 the Board will begin its deliberations based on all the
21 written material filed with the Board to date and the
22 evidence, the questions, concerns, and comments the
23 Board hears during this hearing.

24 Don't be afraid. Don't hesitate. Ask questions
25 anytime. When we hear all of the material, we will
26 negotiate. We will talk about -- we can approve or

1 disapprove. You will have a chance to say -- and
2 those -- and on Thursday and on Friday, you will have
3 your chance to speak. Welcome. You are welcome to
4 speak.

5 As I mentioned, the Nunavut Impact Review Board
6 and the Nunavut Water Board are coordinating their
7 respective processes for the consideration of the Whale
8 Tail Pit Project proposal and its associated water
9 licence application. The Nunavut Water Board's public
10 hearing for the Type A water licence application will
11 be held here in Baker Lake next week starting
12 September 26th following the conclusion of the Nunavut
13 Impact Review Board's final hearing.

14 The Nunavut Water Board's public hearing record
15 will remain open until the Nunavut Impact Review Board
16 has concluded its review of the project proposal and
17 issued a final hearing report. If the NIRB's -- if
18 NIRB recommends to the responsible ministers that the
19 project proposal should not be allowed to proceed and
20 the ministers accept the Board's recommendation, the
21 Nunavut Water Board would conclude its consideration of
22 the water licence application and would not issue a
23 written decision in respect of the application.

24 In terms of the day ahead, the final hearing is
25 scheduled to run from Tuesday through Friday. We will
26 be starting each day at 9:00 in the morning and ending

1 at 5, with evening sessions for tonight and again on
2 Thursday night. We have scheduled time in the agenda
3 for technical sessions for tonight and tomorrow where
4 technical experts and intervenors present can be
5 questioned with respect to technical issues. And on
6 Thursday, we will -- we intend to begin the community
7 roundtable.

8 Although the Board has done its best to prepare a
9 realistic agenda, the Board appreciates everyone's
10 flexibility as we work together to adjust for the time
11 lost from flight delays and ensure that we make a
12 productive use of this time together this week.

13 Before I turn to the roll call, in order to ensure
14 that everyone has a reasonable opportunity to
15 participate in this final hearing, the Board requests
16 that everyone respect the following Board directions:
17 It is our tradition to give respect to our elders;
18 therefore, at any time, if any elder wish to speak or
19 have a question or comment, they may do so.

20 With regards to breaks and mealtimes, it is our
21 intention to have one 15-minute break in -- halfway
22 point in the morning, another 15-minute in the
23 afternoon. We will be supplying coffee, tea, and
24 snacks for the morning and afternoon breaks, but
25 parties are responsible for their own lunch and dinner
26 arrangements.

1 For all participants, please do not interrupt when
2 a person is speaking. As set out in the agenda, there
3 will be an opportunity given to questions [sic] when
4 speakers have concluded their presentations.

5 And for the ease of our court reporters and
6 translators/interpreters, when it is your turn to
7 speak, please use a microphone, state your name first,
8 and speak clearly at a reasonable pace; and please do
9 not use acronyms as it takes a lot of time just to
10 translate the acronyms.

11 And please keep your cell phones off. The Board
12 appreciates everyone's contribution to a respectful and
13 productive final hearing.

14 Now we will move on to the roll call. I will
15 begin the roll call with the proponent, Agnico Eagle
16 Mines. If you can introduce your party.

17 Roll Call

18 MR. QUESNEL: Thank you, Madam Chair, and
19 the members of the Board. My name is Jamie Quesnel,
20 environmental superintendent for Nunavut. We have a
21 fairly large team with us. We have executives from
22 Agnico Eagle: Louise Grondin, senior vice president,
23 environment, sustainable development, people; Dominique
24 Gerard, vice president, Nunavut; Bertin Paradis,
25 director, project evaluations, Nunavut; to my left, I
26 have Ryan Vanengen, permitting lien for Whale Tail;

1 Suzanne Leclair, superintendent community affairs,
2 Nunavut; Krystel Mayrand, human resources,
3 superintendent, Nunavut; to my right, I have Brad
4 Armstrong, Lawson Lundell, legal counsel; and Christine
5 Kowbel, legal counsel.

6 In addition, part of our team from Agnico Eagle:
7 Francois Petrucci, Whale Tail study lead; also we have
8 Erika Voyer, general supervisor environment; Michel
9 Groleau, geotechnical coordinator; also we have Candace
10 Ramcharan, community affairs coordinator; Courtney
11 Squires, community affairs coordinator; also Ian-Joey,
12 Meadowbank trainer.

13 Also with Golder, we have Corey De La Mare;
14 Dr. John Virgl from Golder; Valerie Bertrand from
15 Golder; and Jennifer Range from Golder. Thank you.
16 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Next I will ask
17 the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to introduce your
18 party. Not here yet. Okay.

19 KIA, Kivalliq Inuit Association.

20 MR. MANZO: Thank you, Madam Chair.
21 Kivalliq Inuit Association presenting here with legal
22 counsel, Kim Gilson; and to my right, Jeff Hart,
23 technical environmental for Baker Lake.

24 My name is Luis Manzo, director of lands in charge
25 of the environmental review of this project. Thanks.

26 THE CHAIR: Thank you. So NTI and

1 Transport Canada did not make it in. Okay.

2 But we do have the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers
3 Organization present. Welcome.

4 Government of Nunavut.

5 MR. PINKSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Steve
6 Pinksen, the assistant deputy minister with the
7 department of environment. To my left is Erika Zell.
8 She's Avatiliriniq coordinator; to my right is Emily
9 Stockley, legal counsel; and behind us in the audience
10 is Lauren Perrin; she's project manager for impact
11 assessment. And Krista Johnson, environmental
12 assessment coordinator.

13 And one member of our team has not made it from
14 Rankin Inlet yet. Thank you.

15 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

16 Environment and Climate Change Canada.

17 MS. PINTO: Thank you, Madam Chair.
18 Melissa Pinto with Environment and Climate Change
19 Canada. I'm a senior environmental assessment
20 coordinator. To my right is Brian Asher. He is our
21 air-quality expert, and hopefully joining us later
22 we'll have Trish Auser, our water quality expert.

23 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

24 Fisheries and Oceans Canada, or DFO.

25 MR. D'AGUIAR: Thank you, Madam Chair. My
26 name is Mark D'Aguiar. I am a senior fisheries

1 protection biologist with Fisheries and Oceans. To my
2 right is Laura Watkinson, who is a fisheries protection
3 biologist with Fisheries and Oceans; and stuck in
4 Rankin right now is the regional manager for regulatory
5 review, Bev Ross, and hopefully she'll make it.

6 THE CHAIR: Indigenous and Northern
7 Affairs Canada.

8 MS. COSTELLO: Thank you, Madam Chair. My
9 name is Karen Costello. I'm the director of resource
10 management with the Nunavut regional office of
11 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. I am joined on
12 my right by James Neary, who is with the -- our
13 headquarters group. Behind, I'm joined by Julia
14 Prokopick, who is the environmental assessment
15 coordinator on this file. Rachel Theoret-Gosselin is
16 not here yet but should be here shortly, and also
17 Amanda Belanger from our headquarters will be
18 arriving -- Calm Air permitting -- later this evening.

19 At this time, I'd also like to ask the legal
20 counsel for the Government of Canada to identify
21 themselves, and I'll pass the podium over to him.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. GRUDA-DOLBEC: Good evening, Madam Chair.
24 I'm Simon Gruda-Dolbec. I'm legal counsel for the
25 Department of Justice.

26 MS. BESNER: Rachelle Besner, senior

1 environmental assessment officer for Natural Resources
2 Canada.

3 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

4 I will now proceed to request that any parties
5 with motions or objections in relation to the final
6 hearing identify such motions or objections right now.
7 Motions/Objections

8 THE CHAIR: Nothing? Okay.

9 Next, we have Items 4 and 5 of the agenda, the
10 swearing in/affirmation of the proponent's witnesses,
11 the marking of exhibits, and the technical presentation
12 by the proponent. And I will ask Teresa Meadows, our
13 legal counsel, to swear or affirm all the Agnico Eagle
14 presenters and mark the exhibits.

15 Teresa.

16 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
18 Review Board.

19 So it is my understanding that the first
20 presentation to be marked is up on the agendas for 'A'.
21 It's an introductory presentation; is that correct?

22 MS. KOWBEL: Christine Kowbel for Agnico
23 Eagle.

24 Yes, that's correct.

25 MS. MEADOWS: And, Ms. Kowbel, if you can
26 put forward the witnesses who will be presenting this

1 part of the presentation, please.

2 MS. KOWBEL: Christine Kowbel for Agnico
3 Eagle.

4 That would be Jamie Quesnel and Ryan Vanengen.

5 THE CHAIR: Can you speak closer to the
6 mic. We can't hear.

7 JAMIE QUESNEL, Affirmed

8 MS. MEADOWS: Ms. Kowbel, were there any
9 other witnesses? I'm sorry. I missed the -- I missed
10 the statement.

11 MR. VANENGEN: Yeah. Ryan Vanengen with
12 Agnico Eagle. I wish to affirm.

13 RYAN VANENGEN, Affirmed

14 MS. MEADOWS: Ms. Kowbel, the first exhibits
15 in this are the initial presentation? Or do you wish
16 to lead to the other presentations as well at this
17 time?

18 MS. KOWBEL: Christine Kowbel for Agnico
19 Eagle.

20 I think just the first presentation at this time,
21 unless you'd prefer to mark them all.

22 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 Ms. Kowbel, I don't have the hard copies of them
24 here. So I'm at a bit of a loss in terms of how
25 many -- how many versions there are of your written
26 materials.

1 MS. KOWBEL: Christine Kowbel for Agnico
2 Eagle.

3 There's just one presentation. It's translated.
4 I'll give it to you once the presentation starts.

5 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
6 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
7 Review Board.

8 So let the record show that this will be marked as
9 the first exhibit in this public hearing.

10 Thank you, Madam Chair.

11 EXHIBIT 1 - Agnico Eagle hard copy PowerPoint
12 presentation entitled "Part I - Introduction
13 and Overview" (English/Inuktitut)

14 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

15 Let us now proceed to Agenda Item Number 4, where
16 the proponent, Agnico Eagle, will deliver a number of
17 presentations, providing an overview of the proposed
18 Whale Tail Pit Project. They will show us what they
19 want to do, Agnico Eagle, the proponent. And after the
20 presentation, we will have time for questions and
21 comments.

22 Go ahead, Agnico Eagle.

23 Presentation by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
24 (Introduction and Overview)

25 MR. QUESNEL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

26 As stated earlier, my name is Jamie Quesnel. I'm

1 the Nunavut environmental superintendent for Agnico
2 Eagle.

3 I would like to take this opportunity to, first of
4 all, thank all the parties for the work they've done
5 over the past one-and-a-half years to help us improve
6 the proposed Whale Tail Pit Project through the review
7 of the assessment work Agnico has done in respect of
8 this project. There has been a lot of work done by all
9 the parties. This has led us to a better proposal. We
10 have reviewed all of the submissions that were made by
11 the parties to the Nunavut Impact Review Board in
12 August summarizing their respective reviews of Agnico's
13 submissions. We thank the parties for the comments and
14 recommendations that were submitted.

15 In preparation for the hearing, we captured and
16 addressed these recommendations in our final written
17 submission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board on
18 August 28th. Through that submission, we indicated
19 those recommendations where we were in agreement with
20 the parties. We provided them a detailed response to
21 comments where we believed that such a response would
22 be helpful and also flagged those recommendations where
23 further discussion is required or where we did not have
24 agreement at that point in time. All of these were
25 filed with the Board as part of our submission.

26 In our presentations today and the following days,

1 we're not going to revisit all of the recommendations
2 that were made. We have tried to focus on those
3 comments and recommendations that were considered
4 outstanding on August 28th.

5 In the past two weeks, we have worked with several
6 of the parties to better understand each other's
7 positions, provide better clarity, and to try to find
8 agreement. You will hear more about this engagement
9 and the outcome as we move through our presentations
10 today and through the presentations from the parties
11 over the next couple days. We will provide an update
12 to you on a topic-by-topic basis at the end of each
13 presentation.

14 And with that, I will start with the -- an
15 introduction/overview of the Whale Tail Pit Project and
16 also a quick overview of the company, who we are. This
17 presentation is going to be Part 1, introduction and
18 overview.

19 Summary of the presentation: introduction of the
20 Agnico Eagle team, which we have completed that; also,
21 the Agnico Eagle operations globally and also in
22 Nunavut; Agnico's indigenous people engagement
23 commitment; a brief regulatory history of the Whale
24 Tail Pit Project, part of the Meadowbank division; a
25 summary of the Whale Tail Pit Project, the future of
26 the Meadowbank division which is located on the Amaruq

1 exploration property; overview of the construction and
2 operations at the Whale Tail Pit; a discussion on the
3 continued use of the Meadowbank mine facilities; and
4 also highlight the continued success of training and
5 development of our skilled Nunavut workforce.

6 So Slide 3 is an overview of Agnico Eagle. We're
7 a Canadian-based company founded in Cobalt, Ontario, in
8 1957. It's our 60th anniversary. We're a publicly
9 traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and
10 also the New York Stock Exchange. We have nine
11 operating mines in Nunavut, Quebec, Finland, and
12 Mexico. We have more than 7,500 employees globally.
13 In 2016, we produced over 1.6 million ounces of gold.
14 And, also, we're one of Canada's top 50 corporate
15 responsible companies.

16 And on the slide to the left, it highlights the
17 locations of our operations and our activities. Here
18 in Nunavut, we do have our Meadowbank operation, which
19 is located 70 kilometres north of Baker Lake and at
20 this time is the only operating mine in the Kivalliq
21 Region. Also, we have an advanced project, the
22 Meliadine project, which is under construction at this
23 time with production -- commercial production scheduled
24 for September 2019.

25 On this slide, on the left just highlights the
26 locations of the operations. And also to the right, it

1 highlights Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield and Baker Lake,
2 and also the Meadowbank operation. Also, dealing with
3 our marine transportation would be the same travel ways
4 related to marine transportation as it is right now
5 with the Meadowbank operation.

6 This Slide 5 is the Agnico Eagle's indigenous
7 people engagement commitment: Agnico Eagle Mines will
8 work in partnership with indigenous people to establish
9 a mutually beneficial, cooperative, and productive
10 relationship. Our approach will be characterized by
11 effective two-way communication, consultation, and
12 partnering.

13 This slide speaks to the fact we have an
14 engagement approach: plan, do, act, and check. And
15 later on in the presentations, which is the next
16 presentation, we'll get into more details of the
17 process and some of the planning aspects to define our
18 decisions to complete the activities at our projects
19 and also at the operations.

20 This slide is the -- Agnico's history and also the
21 future in Nunavut. It highlights activities at
22 Meadowbank, Whale Tail, and also Meliadine; but I'll
23 just focus on the Whale Tail Pit.

24 So the first, which is the centre -- the third --
25 the third column on the slide, the first gold discovery
26 at Whale Tail was in 1972. Agnico Eagle acquired the

1 property in 2007. Our first drilling activity occurred
2 in 2013. The approval for construction by the Board of
3 directors, Agnico's Eagle's Board of directors, was
4 2017; and this is subject to all of -- all permits.
5 The construction period will be from 2018 to 2019.
6 Commercial production is planned for 2019. And then
7 the end of production, based on current life of mine
8 estimates, is 2021.

9 THE CHAIR: Excuse me. Before you
10 continue, just the Whale Tail area in Inuktitut, so the
11 general public knows, is -- just wanted you to know
12 where -- what it is in Inuktitut and where it is,
13 haqpiani.

14 MR. QUESNEL: The Amaruq exploration
15 project, extensive exploration -- we have an extensive
16 exploration drilling program, resource estimates of
17 3.7 million ounces of gold. We have a proposed
18 satellite deposit to supply ore to the Meadowbank mill.
19 And this is a very important piece for the continuation
20 of the activities at Meadowbank with the Whale Tail Pit,
21 and that's the Meadowbank facilities, the existing
22 facilities, that would be -- continue to be used would
23 be the maintenance shops, the processing plant, the
24 tailings storage facility at Meadowbank, the camp at
25 Meadowbank, the airstrip -- would all be used related
26 to the Whale Tail Pit satellite project.

1 This is a Whale Tail Pit permitting update, just a
2 few key milestones. On June 17th, Nunavut Planning
3 Commission conformity determination was received.
4 June 30th, 2016, submitted to Nunavut Impact Review
5 Board final environmental impact statement and Nunavut
6 Water Board Type A application. The hard copies were
7 received on July 8th. On August 19th, 2016, Nunavut
8 Impact Review Board recommended a full review of the
9 Whale Tail Pit as a separate project. Decision to
10 begin a full review was made by the Minister on
11 September the 2nd. The prehearing and technical
12 meetings were conducted in Baker Lake on April the 28th
13 to May 2nd of this year. And we're here now for the
14 final hearing, and hopefully we can maintain the same
15 schedule and should be completed by Friday.

16 Overall, the process is on schedule with few
17 delays, and all permits are expected to be received as
18 early as May and no later than July 2018 to allow for
19 the Whale Tail dike construction, which is a key
20 component for the project.

21 The next section is on the -- on the project
22 description, little bit more details of the
23 construction.

24 This slide here just summarizes a lot of the key
25 activities related to the construction for the Whale
26 Tail Pit. Also, it just highlights some of the

1 additional activities that are continuing at
2 Meadowbank. The key aspect would be related to the
3 life of mine at Meadowbank, which is in the upper line
4 here on this slide. Our life of mine at Meadowbank is
5 exhausted by the third quarter of 2018. Based on the
6 Whale Tail Pit Project, for the construction
7 preparation, which starts second quarter of 2018; then
8 operations, as mentioned, 2019 to 2022.

9 Little bit more details of the project schedule,
10 based on receiving the approvals for all permits. 2017
11 to 2018: construction related to some predevelopment
12 activities -- the dikes, site pads, and site and haul
13 roads. 2018 to 2022, the operational window: 650
14 employees; the Whale Tail Pit would be the primary pit,
15 the only pit; the haul to Meadowbank mill, all the ore
16 from the Whale Tail Pit will be trucked to Meadowbank
17 to be processed there; we would have a Whale Tail camp
18 for the employees located at Whale Tail; and, again,
19 the use of the Meadowbank camp and infrastructure would
20 be utilized during that window of operations. Closure
21 would be between 2022 and 2025.

22 Some of the additional highlights: Meadowbank
23 will continue to operate at 11,000 tons per day until
24 the third quarter of 2018. The production gap between
25 the third quarter 2018 and the third quarter 2019 will
26 be related to construction activities. Whale Tail Pit

1 is proposed to operate up to 11,000 tons per day at the
2 Meadowbank mill. We would initially start with 9,500
3 tons per day starting the third quarter of 2019 and up
4 to 11,000 tons per day beginning in 2020. Over the
5 life of mine for Whale Tail, approximately 8.3 million
6 tons of ore would be mined from the Whale Tail Pit.
7 Again, the total gold resource for the Whale Tail Pit
8 will extend the life of mine at Meadowbank. And this
9 is very important to us, to continue with the workforce
10 at Meadowbank, which is a key aspect to us, to ensure
11 that we have continuity in employment.

12 This slide is related to the Whale Tail Pit haul
13 road to Meadowbank. And, again, we'll get into more
14 details in the following presentations related to some
15 of these key items.

16 Summary of traffic along the haul road: We're
17 looking at 18 long-haul trucks to go from Whale Tail to
18 Meadowbank. Transporting this ore, they'll be full on
19 the way to Meadowbank and travelling back empty to
20 Whale Tail. We're operating 24 hours per day, seven
21 days a week. We're looking at 2.5 cycles,
22 two-and-a-half cycles, per day or five trips per day
23 per long-haul truck. An average would be 154 trips on
24 the road. And, also, we have incorporated 28 days of
25 possible closure related to weather conditions,
26 blizzards, and also for caribou migration. Additional

1 traffic on the road would be light vehicle traffic at a
2 lower frequency than the -- than the haul trucks. That
3 would be related to explosives, fuel, pickup trucks,
4 cargo, plus the bus to transport employees.

5 This slide highlights the haul trucks that we're
6 looking at, at this time. We're evaluating these
7 trucks. The top truck -- sorry. The photo on the top
8 of the slide highlights one of the trucks we are
9 evaluating at this time, and it's an all-wheel drive.
10 It's six by six, six wheels by six wheels, all-wheel
11 drive. And the second vehicle, which is the photograph
12 in the middle, the second photograph on the slide, and
13 that's ten wheels by ten wheels, all-wheel drive. So
14 there's five axles on that truck that are all powered
15 to move the ore. The payload would be the same for
16 both options, which is 150 metric tons. So depending
17 on which truck we decide, we'll still be hauling 150
18 metric tons. The truck trailer length, so the front
19 end of the vehicle and the -- and the back end, is
20 84 feet.

21 This slide just summarizes the alignment of the
22 haul road between Meadowbank and also Whale Tail.
23 Meadowbank is down to the lower right-hand corner of
24 the slide. The red line is the alignment of the haul
25 road up to the Whale Tail Pit Project. This colour
26 here is the Inuit-owned land, Meadowbank and Whale --

1 at the Meadowbank and Whale Tail; and in the centre of
2 this plan, this is Crown land.

3 So continuing with the haul road between
4 Whale Tail and Meadowbank, the approximate distance is
5 64.13 kilometres. And, again, with the alignment of
6 the road, two thirds are on Crown land and one third on
7 Inuit-owned land. Right now, based on our exploration
8 licence, this road is connected between Meadowbank and
9 Whale Tail. This just occurred a couple weeks ago. So
10 we made connection with the road. This road that we
11 constructed under the exploration licence is
12 6-and-a-half metres wide, and part of this application
13 is to expand the metre -- expand the road by another 3
14 metres, to 9-and-a-half metres, to accommodate the haul
15 trucks. Part of the existing construction, we have
16 nine clear-span bridges on the road. And, also, part
17 of the design of this road is gently sloping shoulders
18 on the -- on the road, for safety and also primarily
19 for caribou crossing.

20 All right. This slide is the introduction to a
21 video we would like to share with everybody. It's a
22 digital rendering of the activities related to
23 predevelopment during operations and closure, and I'll
24 just briefly speak over the video and describe a few
25 key items.

26 So here we are. This is Whale Tail Lake. This is

1 Mammoth Lake. The water's flowing from the left side
2 of the screen to the right then up to the left-hand
3 corner; that's the natural flow of the water as it --
4 as it stands today. This is Whale Tail, and that's
5 Mammoth, and this is a channel that connects the two
6 waterbodies at this time.

7 This is during operations. So we have the
8 Whale Tail dike, the attenuation pond, Mammoth dike,
9 the Whale Tail Pit, and also the waste rock storage
10 facility. So at this time, the water would flow in the
11 opposite direction to the south basin of Whale Tail,
12 and we would connect through a natural boulder field
13 from the south basin of Whale Tail Lake to Mammoth
14 Lake. And there will be additional presentations on
15 that.

16 This is on closure, where the Whale Tail dike has
17 been breached, the pit has been flooded, and also the
18 Mammoth dike has been breached. This would only occur
19 once we achieve the objectives related to the water
20 quality. We will not breach these dikes until we
21 obtain the licence plus achieve the permissible limits
22 related to water quality. Also, that was the waste
23 rock storage facility in the background.

24 So hopefully that was helpful. We'll just get
25 back into the presentation.

26 Thank you, Ryan. Okay. Thank you.

1 This is Slide 20, and this is -- this is part of
2 the construction. And right now, before we construct
3 our dikes, the water will be flowing this way. This is
4 natural flow of the water from Whale Tail through the
5 channel to Mammoth. Once we construct the dikes, the
6 Whale Tail dike and also the Mammoth dike, the water
7 will start flowing to the south basin. And we'll have
8 more additional presentations on water management, but
9 there will be a channel connecting at this location,
10 between the south basin to Mammoth. The waste rock
11 storage facility will be here, will be a small berm.
12 This is a collection pond that would transfer the water
13 from this location over to here.

14 Again, the construction and dewatering schedule:
15 Construction is planned to begin as soon as permits are
16 received. Critical milestone is building the Whale
17 Tail dike in open water beginning in July 2018. And
18 material preparation must begin as early as possible.

19 So the chart at the bottom of the slide just
20 highlights the construction window for the Whale Tail
21 dike/the Mammoth dike from June 2018 until February
22 2019. We have a dewatering phase, a pump-out and
23 fish-out, in that window of activities. And then we
24 get into the operational activities, the operational
25 phase, of the Whale Tail Pit starting in 2019, June or
26 July 2019.

1 This slide shows a little bit more detail. It's
2 similar to the next phase, which was highlighted in the
3 video. So we have the Whale Tail dike. This is our
4 attenuation pond, and this is the Whale Tail Pit,
5 Mammoth dike, the waste rock storage facility,
6 collection pond for any water in this location. During
7 operations, all water from this location will be
8 transferred to the attenuation pond; treated, if
9 required. We have our Whale Tail camp on this
10 location. We have some stockpiles located here and
11 also here. And, also, we're separating the overburden
12 for closure. So that would be in a separate location,
13 located here.

14 We'll have a camp at Whale Tail for about 210
15 employees. There will be eight wings in this camp. So
16 we'll have people at Meadowbank, in the existing camp
17 that we have at Meadowbank, plus additional 210
18 employees at Whale Tail for the operations for the
19 mining activities of the pit. We'll have a kitchen, a
20 mine dry, and an office space. As mentioned, about 440
21 employees will stay at Meadowbank for the processing at
22 the mill, for the tailings storage facility, some of
23 the logistics with the -- with our airstrip, activities
24 similar to that.

25 We'll have a sewage treatment plant -- it's a
26 Bionest -- to treat and discharge into the attenuation

1 pond.

2 Our freshwater, we'll be extracting that water,
3 utilizing that water from Nemo Lake, and it's about
4 118,000 cubic metres per day -- per year, sorry, and
5 that's for the Whale Tail camp, and the existing
6 exploration area will need to move.

7 And on the bottom left of the slide, the site plan
8 is showing the camp at Whale Tail. And for whoever's
9 been to our Meliadine project, this photograph
10 highlights the exploration camp at Meliadine. So it
11 would be a very similar size and layout at this time.
12 So just to give you an understanding what the camp
13 would look like at Whale Tail.

14 Also, we'll have a power plant and fuel storage,
15 and also we'll have storage of HAZMAT, hazardous
16 material. The Whale Tail Pit camp will have two
17 250,000-litre tanks with secondary containment. The
18 power plants, there will be two of those, and they are
19 1.8 megawatts per plant. HAZMAT will be -- hazardous
20 material will be temporarily stored in a small laydown
21 and sorting area. This material will be shipped to
22 Meadowbank. And some of the HAZMAT, hazardous
23 material, would be, like, waste grease, batteries, used
24 oil filters, kitchen grease, used hydraulic hoses, oily
25 sludge, and debris. And that will be transferred to
26 Meadowbank, and that will be shipped south. On the

1 return trip of the ships that are bringing material to
2 Meadowbank, they will bring this material back to the
3 south. Also, organic waste will be shipped in closed
4 containers back to Meadowbank for incineration.

5 This slide summarizes the closure at Whale Tail
6 Pit, which was shown in the video. So the Whale Tail
7 Pit is flooding naturally. We have our attenuation
8 pond. The dikes are still operational. And at this
9 time, this area will be re-flooded to return back to
10 natural conditions based on natural recharge in this
11 area.

12 The waste rock storage facility, during the life
13 of -- during the operational window, the cap will be
14 progressively placed, and additional activities related
15 to closure related to the storage facility would occur
16 during this time. And other infrastructure also would
17 be removed as per our closure plan that was submitted
18 with the application.

19 This slide highlights the post-closure activities.
20 So this is based on water quality in the project area.
21 The attenuation pond meets the water quality objectives
22 that would be provided to us by the Nunavut Water
23 Board; and at that time, the dikes would be breached,
24 the Whale Tail dike and the Mammoth dike; and at this
25 time, the water would return to its natural flow
26 pattern to Whale Tail Lake north basin down the channel

1 to Mammoth.

2 And, also, just dealing with the closure, Agnico
3 Eagle and Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Kivalliq
4 Inuit Association, we have finalized our security costs
5 related to Whale Tail and also finalized the security
6 management agreement, and we're just waiting for a
7 final signature by the Kivalliq Inuit Association.

8 Slide 27 is a photo. This photograph shows the
9 entrance to our camp in Meadowbank. And the next
10 couple slides will just highlight the existing
11 infrastructure of Meadowbank that we would be
12 continuing to use during the Whale Tail Pit Project
13 operational window.

14 This slide just highlights the activities at
15 Meadowbank. We have the Bay Goose pit on the bottom
16 and the Portage pits at the bottom and the pit which
17 would be very similar in size and footprint as Whale
18 Tail Pit Project. So it's very similar in size and
19 footprint with the pit waste rock storage facility.
20 Other key items here would be the tailings storage
21 facility. We have a north basin and a south basin --
22 the north basin/south basin -- that's fully permitted.
23 We have our airstrip located right here, and the camp
24 is located here.

25 This slide highlights our north cell of the
26 tailings storage facility. This slide highlights the

1 south cell of our tailings storage facility. This is
2 our active cell right now at Meadowbank. This is the
3 cell here, and this is the central dike. And that's
4 just another photo that's showing the north cell in
5 comparison to the south cell. And that's Portage pit
6 and, again, Vault in the background.

7 Also, to -- as part of this application to be --
8 we're looking at doing a dam raise at the Meadowbank
9 north cell, which would include a smaller -- this would
10 be part of an amendment for our existing Meadowbank
11 licence where we would construct a ring dam on the
12 north cell. The top of the slide just highlights a
13 typical cross-section for the type of structure that
14 would be implemented and constructed at the north cell.

15 So in conclusion of this presentation, Agnico
16 Eagle's vision: being in Nunavut for decades. The
17 Nunavut platform can be a cornerstone for Agnico Eagle
18 for several decades and also could secure a production
19 base of approximately 700,000 ounces on an annual basis
20 for continuity from Meadowbank to Whale Tail.
21 Meadowbank lessons and successes can be leveraged in
22 the Whale Tail project and also additional projects in
23 Nunavut. We've been in Nunavut for almost ten years,
24 including construction and operation; and we have the
25 understanding of how things work in Nunavut based on
26 our operational experience.

1 The Whale Tail Pit Project will extend the life of
2 Meadowbank as the resources at Meadowbank are exhausted
3 and gone in the third quarter of 2018. And Amarug is
4 the future of the Meadowbank division. Meliadine
5 remains a significant potential catalyst for Agnico
6 Eagle's growth in Nunavut. And, as mentioned earlier,
7 that's under construction just north of Rankin Inlet.

8 Also, our vision is having our mines managed by
9 Inuits.

10 Thank you.

11 The Chair: Thank you for that
12 presentation.

13 Let's take a 15-minute break before we go on to
14 the public participation and engagement presentation.
15 Let's take a short break.

16 (ADJOURNMENT)

17 THE CHAIR: Unfortunately, due to Calm
18 Air's, our representatives from Arviat will not be
19 coming in. I don't know about the other communities.
20 They made it to Rankin but had to head back home.
21 That's too bad.

22 Next presentation is public participation and
23 engagement presented by Agnico Eagle.

24 You may go ahead.

25 Legal counsel.

26 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
2 Review Board.

3 Mr. Quesnel, you -- it's my understanding you have
4 additional witnesses to be sworn?

5 MR. QUESNEL: Yeah. Thank you. Jamie
6 Quesnel. Yes. Two additional colleagues, Suzanne
7 Leclair and Krystel Mayrand.

8 SUZANNE LECLAIR, KRYSTEL MAYRAND, Affirmed

9 MS. MEADOWS: Teresa Meadows, legal counsel
10 for the Nunavut Impact Review Board. It is my
11 understanding that there is an exhibit to be marked in
12 advance of the presentation, being the PowerPoint
13 presentation for "Part II - Public Participation", and
14 it is a single version with English and Inuktitut on
15 the same version. Thank you, Madam Chair. Those are
16 my matters.

17 EXHIBIT 2 - Agnico Eagle hard copy PowerPoint
18 presentation entitled "Part II - Public
19 Participation" (English/Inuktitut)

20 The Chair: Thank you. You may proceed
21 with your presentation.

22 Presentation by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Public
23 Participation)

24 MS. LECLAIR: Good evening, Madam Chair,
25 members of the Board. My name is Suzanne Leclair. I
26 am the community relations superintendant for Nunavut

1 at Agnico Eagle, and today I'll be speaking to you
2 about public participation for the Whale Tail Project.

3 Just to reiterate my colleague Jamie's initial
4 statement, Agnico's indigenous people engagement
5 commitment -- Agnico's public participation is shaped
6 and directed by our corporate-wide indigenous people
7 engagement commitment, specifically as it applies to
8 Nunavut or Inuit engagement; and it states that Agnico
9 will work in partnership with Inuit -- the Inuit people
10 of the Kivalliq to establish a mutually beneficial and
11 cooperative productive relationship. Our approach will
12 be characterized by an effective two-way dialogue in
13 communication, consultation, and partnering.

14 And how we're going to proceed and shape our
15 approach is very much shaped by our responsible mining
16 management system. This is a system that is our
17 internal management system that guides Agnico on our --
18 how we manage our health, safety, environment, and
19 community relations activities, and it outlines our
20 road map on how we do public participation.

21 This responsible mining management system guides
22 our framework through four main activities that Jamie
23 quickly referred to, that is, "plan", "do", "check",
24 and "act"; and I will present this a little bit more in
25 detail, and it's provided in detail -- a bit more
26 detail -- in Appendix 8(g) of the environmental impact

1 statement.

2 You will recall that my colleague, Jamie Quesnel,
3 briefly presented this slide. I'll go through a little
4 bit more in detail so you can see and get some comfort
5 on how we actually do responsible mining. As part of
6 our responsible mining management system, there's four
7 components, four themes. The first is "plan", and how
8 we plan, we rely on standards -- highest standards in
9 industry and tools and indicators, and we do that
10 through our sustainable development policy.

11 We also subscribe to the tools as provided by --
12 towards sustainable mining. We are also a member of
13 the International Council of Mining and Metals, the
14 sustainable developmental framework. Of course, we
15 subscribe to NIRB -- we're here today on that -- and we
16 negotiate with our Inuit partners and Inuit Impact
17 Benefit Agreement.

18 On the "do" quadrant -- or the "do" section, how
19 we do our public participation -- we have community
20 coordinators in each of the Kivalliq hamlets. We host
21 open-house and public meetings on a regular basis
22 throughout the year. We have consultations. We also
23 provide community initiative funds to the various
24 hamlets. We also have hamlet agreements where we
25 specifically look at the hamlets' needs, and we
26 negotiate with the hamlet various provisions, such as

1 hiring a -- funding a position at the hamlet to
2 represent Agnico Eagle locally. We have also have, in
3 Baker and Rankin, community liaison committees. Very
4 important to exchange information. And we also attend
5 the HTO meetings when we are invited.

6 The third theme, "check". The "check" means that
7 we have tusaajugut. Tusaajugut is a
8 complaint-mechanism system. You know more than I do;
9 that means we're listening. So that was a reminder for
10 us to say, We're listening.

11 We also have Inuit Impact Benefit committees that
12 we attend as part of our 'I' -- Inuit Impact Benefit
13 Agreement commitments.

14 We also do monitoring. We also do external
15 reporting, and we report to the Kivalliq Inuit
16 Association on various of our activities. We also
17 report to the Government of Nunavut. We also provide
18 reporting to the socioeconomic monitoring committees,
19 and we also subscribe to company performance indicator
20 and sustainability reports.

21 And in the last quadrant -- in last section,
22 "act". What does that mean? It means that we review.
23 Our management reviews whether or not we have been
24 effective after a year, and then we readjust. We also
25 have external review. Our Kivalliq Inuit Association
26 partners put us through a rigorous review process. We

1 also have a corporate stakeholder advisory. These are
2 evidenced on how we do the "act".

3 In addition to our community relations
4 representative, we also have community coordinators in
5 each of the Kivalliq community [sic] that are employed
6 by the Hamlet and funded by Agnico Eagle through our
7 formal hamlet agreement. These coordinators are
8 part-time staff situated in each of the Kivalliq
9 communities, and they provide information locally on
10 how to apply online, information about a training
11 program, information about the labour-pool process.
12 And bear in mind, too, that the labour-pool process is
13 also mandated as part of their Inuit Impact Benefit
14 Agreement. We also provide, as part of these community
15 hamlet agreements, logistics for support for Agnico --
16 our Inuit colleagues at Agnico to go to and from their
17 community to the airport as well.

18 The hamlet agreements also provide funding for a
19 community-driven initiative fund, and that is for the
20 hamlet to choose how they wish, knowing that they know
21 their community best, on how to invest community-based
22 activity that will enrich the cultural/social
23 well-being of the community. And, for example, we do
24 have -- an example of these wellness activity [sic]
25 includes the Festival by the Lake here in Baker Lake
26 that was held here last month.

1 A little bit more on our -- on the effectiveness
2 and how we monitor the effectiveness of our public
3 engagement. We also have a number of mechanisms that
4 receive feedback and complaints that we do receive and
5 record. I've referred to -- earlier to our
6 "tusaajugut", a mechanism feedback. That is a best
7 practice that is -- that comes out of a responsible
8 mining management system. This mechanism allows for
9 anonymous complaints and concerns, issues that are
10 raised by groups, individuals in the communities, and
11 it provides with a -- multiple points of contact.

12 Just so you know, I'm still on slide -- I'm still
13 on this slide here. This particular mechanism --
14 grievance mechanism system, it allows for anyone in the
15 community to report concerns that they may have, and it
16 includes wildlife issues, tendering and hiring
17 procedures, any other -- any other aspects of our
18 Agnico Eagle operations.

19 The complaints and concerns that we receive are
20 usually responded to between one or two days, and if we
21 need to go further, we will launch a formal
22 investigation that also can include external community
23 members, such as the Kivalliq Inuit Association
24 representative. This complaint mechanism is also filed
25 to the socioeconomic monitoring committee as well. So
26 they're logged; they're tracked.

1 Now, for example, we want to give you an idea on
2 how we do public participation in action, so just a few
3 examples here. For example, we hosted recently -- last
4 April, at the end of April -- a Baker Lake Whale Tail
5 information session. This was a well-attended public
6 meeting, and we had over 122 members. There has been
7 many other public engagement activities in Baker Lake,
8 including quarterly employment information sessions
9 where project updates were provided. We also had the
10 Festival by the Lake, many site tours as well for Baker
11 Lake residents, and public meetings at -- for the Baker
12 Lake wellness plan.

13 We also attended, for example, many of the
14 meetings at -- for the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers
15 Organization, as well as with the Kivalliq Inuit
16 Association representative. Our last meeting with
17 Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization was last
18 September 12th, and the last site visit to the Whale
19 Tail Project, that included the Board members of
20 Hunters and Trappers representative, as well as
21 community elders, was on July 25th of this year. So we
22 brought the elders and the HTO board members onto the
23 Amaruq site to visit the Whale Tail Project. We've
24 obtained their feedback and obtained their information,
25 and it was a lot of exchange of information on
26 understanding a bit more of the geology and the

1 exploration.

2 This year all our public participation activities,
3 as well as our meetings with the community members,
4 were all logged using a software. This software
5 management system allows Agnico to collect and keep
6 records while the public engagement, including meeting
7 minutes, photos, and how information was collected
8 throughout the engagement. Specifically, a key goal of
9 Agnico's public participation program has been to
10 ensure that we have the support of as many people who
11 could be affected by the project. And, specifically,
12 throughout the Meadowbank and for the Whale Tail
13 Project, we had -- we carried out over 147
14 consultations that has taken place between the --
15 between the years 2012 and 2017 so far. These
16 consultations take different shape. Some of them are
17 workshops; some of them are site visits; some of them
18 are public meetings. We also had open-house
19 information sessions. Information sessions are less
20 formal. We give a lot of time for community members to
21 ask questions as opposed to having a one-way
22 presentation, and they are open to everyone.

23 Different communities and community organizations
24 have been engaged, such as the Baker Lake community
25 liaison committee. We also engage with the elders, the
26 youth, women, the Hamlets, the Hunters and Trappers

1 Organization, as well as the communities and
2 organizations in Chesterfield Inlet; and to a lesser
3 degree, Rankin Inlet, Coral Harbour, Naujaat, and
4 Whale Cove.

5 All the details that are included in this
6 presentation were all included in your environmental
7 impact statement in Appendix 2(g).

8 Now, obviously that's not enough. Agnico
9 Eagles [sic] recognizes the importance of Inuit
10 Qaujimajatuqangit. We are continuously looking for
11 ways to incorporate these principles in our Agnico
12 practices. The application of Agnico's corporate value
13 in Nunavut is guided by Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit's
14 value. I'm just going to give you a few examples on
15 how we practically do this and how increasingly Inuit
16 Qaujimajatuqangit will be evolving as we operate -- as
17 we learn to operate in the Nunavut area.

18 First example: One of Agnico -- one of the values
19 of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is the pijitsimiq -- I hope
20 I have that right -- families; so serving and providing
21 for family and/or the community. This is something
22 that we really identify with, and we really -- part of
23 our values at Agnico Eagle is family, and we
24 demonstrate that in Nunavut with the following -- with
25 the following initiatives. We have the hamlet -- like,
26 family days in Baker Lake. We have family days in

1 Rankin Inlet and Arviat. Also -- on another example,
2 we also understand that employment at the site can
3 be -- can provide our Inuit employees with the skills
4 and the financial capacity to provide for their family
5 and their community throughout the -- their employment
6 with us and in the future. That's why we're
7 targeting -- and we're targeting 50 percent employment.
8 It's important -- this is a minimum Inuit employment
9 that we're constantly striving to increase by more
10 training, and we're -- constantly work in collaboration
11 with the Kivalliq Inuit Association to see how we can
12 achieve that goal and go beyond. This is why we
13 believe that upward mobility programs, such as our
14 career-path programs and specifically our
15 apprenticeship program which can assist our Inuit
16 colleagues in developing transferable skills to use
17 either on our site -- or in the event that the mine
18 closes, they can actually go and do work elsewhere. So
19 we want to build in more trades, so a mechanic can
20 become a mechanic even after the mine closes.

21 That's the principle of -- and I -- sorry about
22 the word, but that's the principle, I understand, with
23 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. It's called the principles
24 of pilimmaksarniq, and we think about that principle to
25 be used in a development of our training programs.

26 Finally, a third example on how we integrate Inuit

1 Qaujimajatuqangit in our corporate values
2 is avatittinnik kamatsiarniq -- respect and care for
3 the land, animals, and the environment -- and that is
4 incorporated in our environmental policies and
5 practices, also as part of our Inuit Impact Benefit
6 Agreement, as part of our environmental obligation in
7 our ongoing -- in our new ongoing working relationship
8 with the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization.
9 As an example, we -- in order to have more
10 understanding of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we are -- we
11 have decided to fund a wildlife monitor for the -- from
12 the Baker Lake HTO so we can be informed --
13 increasingly better informed.

14 Today, how we incorporate Qaujimajatuqangit in
15 our -- in our -- and traditional knowledge into our --
16 in our way that we operate, our corporate values, we've
17 taken a very holistic approach to collecting Inuit
18 Qaujimajatuqangit for the Whale Tail Project that
19 includes the following -- it's a five-step program.
20 First, we go through traditional knowledge and Inuit
21 Qaujimajatuqangit workshops.

22 Second, we collect the baseline data. We collect
23 the baseline data collection around the project using
24 both western science methods, and also we are -- the --
25 the baseline data collection are also designed and --
26 and they're designed by Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

1 workshop data, endorsed through feedback by local
2 hunters, and supported in the field by local Inuit.

3 Third step, we present, and then we obtain
4 feedback from the community -- the representative
5 community of interest. With that feedback, we now
6 proceed to integrate that feedback and continue with
7 data collection, scope, and design. And then finally,
8 at the end, we review. So we review the traditional
9 knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit along with
10 western science with the community of interest.

11 This is our basic approach of integrating Inuit
12 Qaujimajatuqangit into a baseline study environmental
13 assessment conducted for this project, and it has been
14 endorsed by the Kivalliq Inuit Association
15 representative. Additional information on this process
16 can be found in Volume 7 of -- in our environmental
17 impact statement.

18 I'll ask that my colleague Ryan continue with
19 respect to this part of the presentation.

20 MR. VANENGEN: Thank you, Suzanne --

21 The Chair: And a correction: "Inuit
22 Qaujimajatuqangit".

23 MS. LECLAIR: Thank you.

24 The Chair: Thank you. Go ahead.

25 MR. VANENGEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll
26 do my best with "Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit". Is that

1 better?

2 So my name is Ryan Vanengen. I'm just going to
3 give a few more detailed examples of how we integrated
4 traditional knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into
5 our impact assessment.

6 So the Whale Tail Pit Project impact assessment is
7 a very good example of how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and
8 traditional knowledge was integrated from the start of
9 the project design and during baseline studies and
10 continues to be integrated now. We gained Inuit
11 Qaujimajatuqangit from our December 2014 traditional
12 knowledge workshops with elders. The information
13 collected in the workshop was shared with our
14 biologist, our field biologist -- so wildlife
15 biologists, as well as terrain scientists, as well as
16 aquatic scientists during the 2015 baseline studies,
17 and participants of the workshop were also in the field
18 helping our scientists. We then hosted additional
19 workshops in February of 2016, and, as Suzanne
20 mentioned, we then shared the information that we
21 collected in the field with the participants of these
22 workshops; and those participants were women, youth,
23 hunters, elders, and during those workshops, we
24 collected additional Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and
25 traditional knowledge.

26 From those workshops, we developed maps, and the

1 map here is shown on the screen, and they're also
2 available -- for those that would like to look at them,
3 they're also available on the side wall over there as
4 well. And this slide shows where the harvest sites are
5 located, patterns of wildlife movements, and areas that
6 are traditionally used for fishing.

7 So you can see on the -- where's the -- maybe not.
8 Doesn't seem like the -- which was it? It -- this one.
9 Okay. So you can see from the IQ that was collected,
10 we -- we determined, through the workshops, where some
11 of the migratory pathways are for caribou, as an
12 example. In the spring, they move to the north, and in
13 the fall, they move from the north to the south.

14 We also discussed during these workshops where the
15 fishing areas were, which are located along the
16 Meadowbank River. And we also identified -- what was
17 also identified during these workshops were harvest
18 areas as well, which are located here and to the south
19 of the project, as well as in other areas.

20 These workshops are certainly some of the most
21 rewarding experiences of the environmental impact
22 assessment process and provide Agnico Eagle with
23 valuable information on harvest sites, wildlife
24 information; and attendees share their concerns that
25 inform our baseline studies, project design, and
26 ultimately the Agnico Eagle Whale Tail Pit final

1 environmental impact assessment.

2 This slide presents the information collected
3 during the traditional knowledge workshops related to
4 cultural sites, including camp area, grave site areas,
5 trails, and trails for traditional land use. As you
6 can see on the figure here, the areas that are
7 identified with yellow arrows were identified early on
8 in the project as traditional land-use trails typically
9 moving -- moving hunters and land users from Baker Lake
10 to -- towards Gjoa Haven along the Meadowbank River.
11 The traditional -- the traditional work -- sorry. The
12 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit workshops also identified grave
13 sites along the road -- or not along the road, in the
14 area of our site, and one particular grave site near
15 our project and other archeological sites within our
16 project area.

17 This provides an example -- and I'm going to
18 provide examples over the next two slides -- or the
19 next few slides of how we integrated into some of
20 our -- integrated Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into our
21 impact assessment and designs. One important example
22 is how we -- how we integrated Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
23 into our archeological baseline studies, archeological
24 mitigation, and road design. Our 2014 road alignment
25 was designed following the traditional knowledge
26 workshops. The 2014 design was shared with the

1 Kivalliq Inuit Association and the Hunting and Trapping
2 Organization, and following archeological studies
3 conducted in 2015 and following those meetings, we
4 altered our design thereafter. More specifically, the
5 routing of the road was changed in areas near Kilometre
6 21, as well as around Kilometre 32.5, to avoid
7 traditional campsites.

8 This ultimately ended up in adding an additional
9 1.5 kilometres to our roadway, following these
10 workshops and changes to our -- the design of the road
11 to avoid archeological sites. Agnico Eagle worked
12 closely with the GN culture and heritage department to
13 receive permits and conduct surveys to complete these
14 archeological studies, and the evaluation and
15 subsequent mitigation was informed by Inuit
16 Qaujimajatuqangit.

17 Another more specific example of meetings and
18 discussions beginning in 2014 and gaining consensus
19 relating to the land-use crossings location and
20 construction is presented in the next few slides.
21 Through a series of meetings and consultation,
22 traditional land-use crossings were located along the
23 Whale Tail Pit haul road. That started in December 9th
24 to 10th, 2014, through the TK workshops. It was
25 followed up with a meeting on September 8th, 2015,
26 where we did a site visit and helicopter tour of the

1 roadway with the Hunting and Trapping Organization and
2 elders. We visited the traditional land-use areas
3 located near the project and ultimately made
4 suggestions to build the crossings presented by Agnico
5 Eagle in the next few slides.

6 On February 3rd to 5th, 2016, the Baker Lake
7 traditional knowledge workshop was also held for Whale
8 Tail Pit, and we reviewed our baseline studies and
9 discussed any additional traditional land use related
10 to the land-use crossings.

11 On March 3rd, 2016, we met with the Kivalliq Inuit
12 Association in Baker Lake to discuss these crossings
13 and to discuss our road alignment, and on July 17th,
14 2016, we conducted another site visit to overview the
15 road, as well as visit some of the sites that -- and
16 identify the location of the traditional land-use
17 crossings. And, ultimately, on February 17th, we also
18 proposed a concept design to the HTO of one -- of one
19 of the locations located at Kilometre 10. And by the
20 spring, just before the prehearing conference, we
21 ultimately had approval from the Baker Lake HTO on that
22 specific traditional land-use crossing location and the
23 design of that -- of that crossing.

24 And here it's located -- or the figure here shows
25 a design that was reviewed with the Baker Lake HTO, and
26 the location of that crossing is at Kilometre 10, which

1 is in the bottom of the -- this figure here.

2 In summary, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and
3 traditional knowledge inform the design and location of
4 the traditional land-use crossings to ensure safe
5 passage for hunters using ATVs and snowmobiles. These
6 crossings will be well-marked for hunters and for
7 operators on the road. Through additional
8 consultation, Agnico Eagle will work with the Baker
9 Lake Hunters -- HTO to ensure the slope, direction, and
10 markings are maintained and meet the expectations of
11 the hunters using this crossing.

12 This consultation will assist in ensuring safety
13 for traditional land users and continued traditional
14 land use north and south of the haul road.

15 MS. LECLAIR: Suzanne Leclair for
16 Agnico Eagle.

17 In summary, the concerns that were highlighted on
18 the various project impacts, such as caribou, shipping
19 lanes, spills, employment, and training, including
20 legacy infrastructure, are all included as part of an
21 effect assessment in recommendations that are
22 considered when developing mitigation and monitoring
23 plans here at Agnico Eagle. More information -- and
24 you can find more information on these areas of
25 concerns in mitigation found in Volume 7 of the
26 environmental impact statement.

1 We can attest that Agnico Eagle will continue to
2 use public participation in its public-participation
3 framework -- and especially Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
4 values -- to address concerns -- to address concerns
5 over the life of the project through continued
6 engagement in consultation with all of the communities
7 of interest. Thank you.

8 The Chair: Thank you.

9 From the two presentations tonight, there's about
10 eight more presentations for tomorrow for the
11 introductions and overview and the public
12 participation -- the two presentations. We'll open
13 with questions tomorrow morning and then go on to the
14 other presentations.

15 Tonight we will stop for now. We will -- from
16 these two presentations, we will have -- in the
17 morning, we will have a question-and-answer period in
18 the morning; that's how we will start. We'll adjourn
19 for now, and we'll start again -- so we'll stop tonight
20 and be back here tomorrow morning at 9:00.

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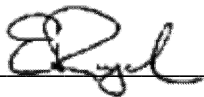
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