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RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Modified Design for the pipeline related to its "Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment" for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On February 15, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a Design Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) recently approved "Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment" amendment to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project Certificate (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The Design Report was intended to fulfil term and condition 128 of the Project Certificate 006 Amendment 001, issued by the NIRB on February 26, 2019. The Design Report indicated that Agnico Eagle was implementing a modified design for the saline effluent discharge pipeline and installation from what was originally assessed in the scope of the amendment.

Specifically, Agnico Eagle proposed the following design modifications:

- Segmenting the discharge pipeline into two (2) sections, the portion closest to the shore would be temporary and removable, and the second portion being a permanent section;
- The 150.3 meter (m) temporary section to be located in the intertidal zone with no burial or cover;
- Seasonal removal of the temporary section before freeze-up and reinstallation after freshet;
- Flanges located at either end of the 150 m temporary section allow for seasonal removal using heavy machinery; and
- Permanent submarine pipeline section (134.2 m) with diffuser remains in place year-round, installed at least 6 m below sea level.

All materials pertaining to the Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment amendment can be accessed online via the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/124106.

The NIRB received comments from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada. On April 26, 2019 Agnico Eagle also provided a summary which noted the participation of the Kangiqliniq HTO, Hamlet of Rankin Inlet, Nunavut Airports, and the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services in the design update process and that there were no outstanding issues from these parties. After reviewing parties comments in addition to Agnico Eagle's summary of consultation with local organizations, the NIRB is confident that the proposed modifications does not require further assessment, and any outstanding issues will be sufficiently addressed during the following regulatory process. The NIRB looks forward to receiving copies of any permits, licences, or authorizations associated with this undertaking, and expects that follow-up reporting on the installation activities, as well as any updated plans, will be included within Agnico Eagle's reporting for the Meliadine Project.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the NIRB's consideration and approach to this matter, please contact undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca or Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I, at (867) 857-4566 or ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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