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Sent via email: jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2018 Annual Monitoring Report

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On April 10, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2018 Annual Monitoring Report (2018 Annual Report)* as required by the amended Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004 and the Whale Tail Pit Project Certificate No. 008.

On April 12, 2019 the NIRB requested that interested parties review the *2018 Annual Report*, and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2018 Annual Report* were valid. Furthermore, parties were requested to comment on the Proponent's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project Certificates.

Following a request from parties for an extension to the original commenting period, on or before May 28, 2019 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Transport Canada (TC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB related to the *2018 Annual Report* can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/124588 by searching the Document ID numbers: 325143, 325146, 325183, and 325190 through 325192. Additionally, duplicates of all comment submissions are available at www.nirb.ca/project/124683.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address these comments prior to the completion of the *NIRB Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and Whale Tail Pit Project*, and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **June 19, 2019**. If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than three (3) weeks, the Board requests written notification as soon as possible with an anticipated date for submission.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project or Whale Tail Pit Project, please contact Erin Reimer, Monitoring Officer at (867) 857-4566 or via email at ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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