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Sent via email: jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Issuance of NIRB's Project Certificate No. 008 Amendment 001 for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Whale Tail Pit Project

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is pleased to issue the enclosed amended Project Certificate No. 008 (Amendment 001) for the Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB File No. 16MN056) to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle), pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.8.3 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 112(10) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*). Having formally reconsidered the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 008 through an assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Proposal, the NIRB's Reconsideration Report and Recommendations¹ was accepted by the Responsible Ministers on January 22, 2020.² The new and amended terms and conditions were discussed during a project certificate workshop on February 5, 2020 and have been incorporated into the enclosed amended Project Certificate No. 008 (Amendment 001), which is now in effect.

The NIRB would like to thank all parties who participated during the reconsideration process for Project Certificate No. 008, and for identifying clarifications to commentary prior to the finalization of the amended Project Certificate by the Board. For the information of all parties, the NIRB has produced a companion document to the amended Project Certificate which identifies through highlighted text and in tracked changes format all revisions made to the January 22, 2020 *draft* amended Project Certificate (enclosed). The amended Project Certificate and all documents

¹ Public Registry ID: 327165

² Public Registry ID: 328131

associated with the assessment process can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125418.

The NIRB will continue to monitor the Whale Tail Pit Project in accordance with Part 7, Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135 of the *NuPPAA*, and in accordance with the enclosed amended Project Certificate terms and conditions.

The NIRB looks forward to working with Agnico Eagle and all parties to ensure that the amended Project Certificate is fully implemented and achieves the identified objectives.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the amended Project Certificate, please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry directly at (867) 983-4608 or via email at rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Kaviq Kaluraq
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (2): *Amended NIRB Project Certificate No. 008 (NIRB File No. 16MN056, dated February 19, 2020)*
Amended NIRB Project Certificate No. 008 – Companion Document

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