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To: Meadowbank/Whale Tail Distribution Lists

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2019 Annual Report

Dear Parties:

On April 21, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Meadowbank Gold Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2019 Annual Report (2019 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 27, 2020 following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB requested additional information and on April 28, 2020 the NIRB received documents to supplement the *2019 Annual Report* as well as submission dates for outstanding items required for the report. The *2019 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253 (Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank Modification - In-Pit Tailings Disposal) and www.nirb.ca/project/125418 (Whale Tail Pit - Expansion Project).

Using the aforementioned Project Dashboards, reviewers can use the Document Tab to access the *2019 Annual Report* and associated documents from the 'Annual Reports' document category or by searching www.nirb.ca/project/125253 with the Document ID numbers 329431 through 329506, 329534 through 329539, 329608, 329770, and 329841 or www.nirb.ca/project/125418 with the Document ID numbers 329616 through 329698, 329771 and 329840.

The *2019 Annual Report* includes:

Original documents:

- Meadowbank Gold Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2019 Annual Report
- Appendices 1 through 74

Supplemental documents:

- Agnico Eagle letter to NIRB Re 2019 Annual Report Completeness Check
- Appendix 56: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Executive Summary Translation

- Ammonia Management Plan - Meadowbank 2019 Water Management Report and Plan including Appendix E – Ammonia Management Plan

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and the amended Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004 and the Whale Tail Pit Project Certificate No. 008, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2019 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 19, 2020** on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2019 Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

Additionally, the NIRB is requesting that regulatory authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following:

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically:
 - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licences or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable;
 - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2019 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
 - iii. A summary of Agnico Eagle's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan

On April 22, 2020 the NIRB received the Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP) version 8¹ from Agnico Eagle which is the latest version of the TEMP, TEMP version 7 was provided as Appendix 58 of the *2019 Annual Report*. On April 24, 2020 the NIRB received correspondence from the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization (BLHTO)², and will be following up on the updated criteria in this plan and would appreciate parties additional input on the TEMP version 8 and supporting references in the *2019 Annual Report*.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca.

¹ Public Registry ID: 329523

² Public Registry ID: 329801

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects, please contact the undersigned directly at ekoide@nirb.ca; or contact Erin Reimer at ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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