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P.O. Box 1360
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RE: Comment Submissions Received from Individuals Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine, Nunavut" Project Proposal (the Project Proposal)

Dear Ms. Costello,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (**Agnico Eagle**) encloses a response to comment submissions received from individuals in respect of the Project Proposal, as well as Nunavut Impact Review Board (**NIRB or the Board**) correspondence of September 28, 2020 and October 6, 2020.

In the letter of October 6, 2020, the Board (i) leaves it to the proponent to determine the scope of their response to comments and information requests received from all interested participants and (ii) recognizes that Agnico Eagle has the discretion to confine their response to those comments and requests considered to be relevant to the Project Proposal. Both of these aspects have been considered in this response and in the enclosed materials.

Taking into consideration the letter of October 6, 2020 and the NIRB Rules of Procedure (2009), the correspondence received from Mr. Brian Zawadski and Mr. Christopher Kanaan are comment submissions under Rule 12 of the NIRB Rules of Procedure (2009). The NIRB Rules of Procedure (2009) give clear guidance on party status and limit information requests to parties only. It is noted that Rule 12.4 of the NIRB Rules of Procedure (2009) provides that a person who files comments under Rule 12 "does not thereby acquire status as an intervenor . . . and is not entitled to any further notice in the proceeding".

In responding to the comment submissions of the two non-party individuals below, Agnico Eagle has also been mindful of the Board's primary objective under the Nunavut Agreement with respect to the well-being of the residents and communities of Nunavut:

12.2.5 In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement



Area. NIRB shall take into account the well-being of residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

A. Response to Comment Submissions of Mr. Brian Zawadski

Taking into consideration the objective set out at Article 12.2.5 of the Nunavut Agreement with respect to Nunavut residents and Mr. Zawadski's status as a community member and resident of Rankin Inlet, NU, Agnico Eagle has provided a detailed response to his comment submissions in the attached.

B. Response to Comment Submissions of Mr. Christopher Kanaan

We note that Mr. Kanaan has self-identified as a resident of Montreal. While the Board is required to take into account the well-being of residents of Canada outside of Nunavut under Article 12.2.5 of the Nunavut Agreement, Mr. Kanaan's comment submissions do not raise issues that directly relate to the well-being of residents of Canada outside of Nunavut or suggest that the Proposal could have any effect on Mr. Kanaan personally. Agnico Eagle has considered this context in the scope of its response to Mr. Kanaan's comments accordingly and has provided a response to his comment submissions in the attached.

Please advise me if you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed responses.

Best regards,

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