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**Re: Nunavut Impact Review Board Acknowledgement Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "2021 Saline Discharge Strategy" Modification for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project**

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Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On April 13, 2021 Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) provided the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) an update on the proposal submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission in December 2020 requesting to continue activities for an additional year which were previously approved to proceed under the "2020 Saline Effluent Discharge Strategy" project. The request was justified as necessary due to the Board's continued assessment of another amendment, the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal, a proposed waterline to carry the saline water from the mine to Itivia Harbour, that has been extended due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The NIRB appreciates Agnico Eagle's follow up on the Nunavut Planning Commission's January 20, 2021 conformity determination that noted further assessment is not required for this proposal. However, as the Board's previous approval of the 2020 Saline Effluent Discharge Strategy also required specific additional monitoring in carrying out the activities, the Board requires Agnico Eagle to provide the submission directly to the NIRB's public registry dashboard [www.nirb.ca/project/124106](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124106) to confirm monitoring requirements.

Should you have any questions regarding the online submission, please contact Kelli Gillard, Manager, Impact Assessment at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca) or 867-983-4619 or Emily Koide, Technical Advisor I at [ekoide@nirb.ca](mailto:ekoide@nirb.ca) or 867-983-4612.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Michel Groleau, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited  
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