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COMMENCEMENT OF FIELD OPERATIONS AT THE MEADOWBANK PRECIOUS METAL PROPERTY

This letter is to notify Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada ("CIRNAC"), the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB"), the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB") and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission ("WSCC") that 5530 Nunavut Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Atlas Resources Inc., will be commencing mineral exploration activities at the Meadowbank Precious Metal Project.

The 2021 program is expected to start on June 25, 2021. The 2021 exploration program activities will comprise geological mapping, prospecting and geochemical sampling. It is anticipated that a seasonal 20-40 person camp will be constructed adjacent to the Kilometre 58 Staging Area of the Agnico Eagle Mines ("AEM") All Weather Access Road ("AWAR") when the materials arrive by barge in September, but it will be dependent on financing. The camp fuel cache will be located at the AWAR Kilometre 58 Staging Area.

All operations conducted will adhere to conditions specified in the CIRNAC Land Use Permit ("LUP") N2017C0005 and NWB Water Licence 2BE-MPM1522. CIRNAC and the NWB are currently reviewing the LUP and water licence amendment applications to construct the aforementioned camp.

The 2021 program and camp construction are expected to be completed by October 15, 2021.

Regards,



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