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RE: **NIRB's 2021-2022 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit Projects and Board Recommendations**

Dear Kelli Gillard,

The Government of Nunavut (GN) has received the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) request for an update on the Data Sample and Sharing Agreement (DSSA or Agreement) implementation in conjunction with Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM), regarding the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit Projects. The GN is pleased to inform the NIRB that the DSSA was signed by both parties on March 3, 2023, and has come into effect.

The term of the Agreement is for a period of 5 years, with the possibility of renewal for an additional 5 years. The scope of the DSSA is for the quarterly sharing of caribou collar data for those herds that interact with AEM's operations in Nunavut. The data is to be used for the purposes of compliance with regulatory requirements, assessing the potential effects of exploration and mining activities, informing project-specific mitigation and management, and the preparation of materials for regulatory authorities, Governments, indigenous groups, and terrestrial advisory groups.

The GN would like to re-iterate that during the period that this DSSA was being negotiated and finalized, AEM was continually provided with daily caribou collar telemetry maps which are sufficient to allow the fulfillment of Project Certificate Terms and Conditions related to the implementation of caribou mitigations. Furthermore, all data is being provided at no cost to AEM and at a significant cost to the GN.

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