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April 26, 2023

To: Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution Lists

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank Complex Project 2022 Annual Report

Dear Parties:

On March 31, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Meadowbank Complex 2022 Annual Report (2022 Annual Report)* as required by the amended Meadowbank Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 03MN107) and the amended Whale Tail Pit (NIRB File No. 16MN056) Project Certificates No. 004 Amendment 3 and No. 008 Amendment 1 respectively. On April 12, 2023, following a completeness check, the NIRB requested clarification on documents within the *2022 Annual Report* which were subsequently submitted by April 14, 2023.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 9, 2023**.

The *2022 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253 (Meadowbank Gold Mine (Meadowbank)) or www.nirb.ca/project/125418 (Whale Tail Pit (Whale Tail)). Access to the documents can be made by:

- Selecting the "Documents Tab" of the Project Dashboard(s) then select the "Annual Report" category on the left pane;
- Selecting "Recent Documents" on the Project Dashboards; or
- Searching the Public Registry with the Document ID numbers identified in Appendix A.

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 Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2022 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.

In addition, 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. An example format for tracking comments and Proponent responses is included in Appendix B.

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, licenses, or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable, and report annually to the NIRB on the status of those incorporated terms and conditions;
 - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2022 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.

This information is important to assist the NIRB in assessing, coordinating, integrating, and ensuring that the Board has the information to accurately measure effects, adequately assess compliance with terms and conditions, regulatory instruments, and agreements, and whether the Projects are carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the original project certificate.

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

Please note for your records that the NIRB has appointed the following individuals to serve as the Monitoring Officers for the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit Projects. To mail materials to the NIRB, please use the address below.

Nunavut Impact Review Board
Attn: Leah Klaassen and Emily Koide
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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 at lklaassen@nirb.ca or contact Emily Koide, Technical Advisor III, at ekoide@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Leah Klaassen
Technical Advisor II
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments (2): Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2022 Annual Report
Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on Annual Report

cc: Marie-Pier Marcil, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
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Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2022 Annual Report

Document Title	Meadowbank Document ID No.	Whale Tail Document ID No.
2022 Annual Report	343738	343736
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Appendix 3-11EN010 Annual Report	343746	343741
Appendix 4-Socio-Economic Report	343748	343743
Appendix 5-Public Consultation	343750	343745
Appendix 6- Training Management System and Learning Management System Reports	343751	343747
Appendix 7-Community Liaison Committee Newsletter December 2022	343753	343749
Appendix 8-QA QC Plan V8	343755	343752
Appendix 9-Annual Geotechnical Inspection (6 parts)	344228, 344229, 344260, 344231, 344232 & 344233	344238, 344239, 344240, 344241, 344242 & 344243
Appendix 10-Meadowbank Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection	343757	343766
Appendix 11-Whale Tail Pit Geomechanical Inspection (2 parts)	343843 & 343846	343768 & 343771
Appendix 12-Meadowbank Water Management Plan V11	343762	3433773
Appendix 13-Whale Tail Water Management Plan V10	344234	344244
Appendix 14-MDRB Report No. 30	343765	343778
Appendix 15-Geotechnical Implementation Plan	343767	343781
Appendix 16-Geomechanical Inspection Plans	343769	343783
Appendix 17-Bulk Fuel Management Plan V7	343770	343785
Appendix 18-Quarry 22 2022 Report	343772	343787
Appendix 19-Baker Lake Bathymetric Survey	343774	343789
Appendix 20-Meadowbank Water Quantity and Quality	343775	343791
Appendix 21-RSF Cover System Design Revision 3	343777	343793
Appendix 22-Meadowbank Waste Rock Tailings Management Plan V13	343779	343795
Appendix 23-Whale Tail Waste Rock Plan V10	343780	343797

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Appendix 24-Meadowbank Thermal Monitoring Report	343782	343799
Appendix 25-Whale Tail Thermal Monitoring Report (2 parts)	343848 & 343851	343802 & 343804
Appendix 26-Meadowbank Hazardous and Non-hazardous Waste Transportation Manifest	343784	343806
Appendix 27-Spill Contingency Plan V19	343786	343808
Appendix 28-Meadowbank 2022 GN Spill Reports	343788	343810
Appendix 29-Whale Tail 2022 GN Spill Reports	343790	343813
Appendix 30-Landfarm Report	343792	343815
Appendix 31-Whale Tail ARD-ML Sampling and Test Plan V7.1	343794	343817
Appendix 32-Meadowbank OPEP and OPPP V16 (2 parts)	343853 & 343865	343819 & 343821
Appendix 33-2022 CREMP (4 parts)	343859, 343861, 343864 & 343866	343823, 343825, 343828 & 343830
Appendix 34-Meadowbank 2022 CREMP	343796	343832
Appendix 35-Meadowbank Dewatering Dike OMS V10	343798	343833
Appendix 36-Meadowbank Tailings Storage Facility OMS V11	344235	344245
Appendix 37-Whale Tail Water Management Infrastructure OMS V3	344236	344246
Appendix 38-Whale Tail 2022 Fisheries Authorization Report	343803	343840
Appendix 39-Marine Mammal and Seabird Report (4 parts)	343869, 343871, 343873 & 343876	343842, 343844, 343845 & 343847
Appendix 40-Blast Monitoring Program V8	343805	343850
Appendix 41-Blast Monitoring Report	343807	343852
Appendix 42-Meadowbank Groundwater Monitoring Report	343809	343855
Appendix 43-Whale Tail Groundwater Monitoring Report (3 parts)	343879, 343881 & 343884	343857, 343860 & 343862
Appendix 44-Whale Tail Fishery Habitat Offsets Monitoring Report	343811	343865
Appendix 45-Meadowbank AWAR Transportation Monitoring Plan V6	343812	343867

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Appendix 46-Whale Tail Haul Road Management Plan	343814	343870
Appendix 47-Wildlife Monitoring Report (4 parts)	343886, 343889, 343891 & 343894	343872, 343874, 343877 & 343880
Appendix 48-Wildlife HHRA country Food Plan V8	343816	343882
Appendix 49-Noise Monitoring Report	343818	343885
Appendix 50-Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Report	343820	343887
Appendix 51-Incinerator Waste Management Plan V10	343822	343890
Appendix 52-Meadowbank Incinerator Air Emissions Test Report	343824	343892
Appendix 53-Whale Tail Mercury Monitoring Program Report	343826	343895
Appendix 54-Whale Tail Mercury Monitoring Plan V4	344089	344085
Appendix 55-QA QC Results	343829	343898
Appendix 56-Translated Executive Summaries	344237	344247

Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report

Comment Number:	
Subject/Topic:	
References:	To the appropriate section in the Annual Report and/or Addendum
Comment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gap/Issue2. Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion3. Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion4. Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix
Conclusion/Request:	