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To: Jamie Quesnel
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Re: Acknowledgement Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited’s “Whale Tail 2023 Modification” Proposal

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On May 25, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission) regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited’s (Agnico Eagle) application for the “Whale Tail 2023 Modification” proposal, a proposed change to the Whale Tail Pit Project. The Commission letter noted that the activities conform to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and were exempt from NIRB assessment as they were within the scope of activities considered for the Whale Tail and IVR pushback projects (NIRB File No.: 16MN056).¹ The Commission also encouraged Agnico Eagle to discuss potential implications for the project’s monitoring program with the NIRB.

After reviewing the proposed modification application provided to the Commission and the follow-up correspondence provided by Agnico Eagle on May 30, 2023,² the NIRB is of the understanding that activities at site are summarized as follows:

- Increase to IVR pushback;
- Increase to Whale Tail pushback;
- Temporary storage of saline groundwater in IVR pit; and
 - o Saline groundwater returned underground at the end of mine life.

The NIRB acknowledges and accepts the Commission’s determination that the activities within the proposed modification application were previously assessed by the Board, and notes that the proposed activities would be subject to the terms and conditions of the NIRB’s Project Certificate

¹ Public Registry ID: 345480

² Public Registry ID: 345485 and 345481

No. 008 Amendment 1. The Board has also identified that the following two plans are applicable to the prevention, mitigation and monitoring of the potential effects associated with the proposed activities:

- Waste Rock Management Plan, and
- Water Management Plan.

Consequently, the NIRB expects to be provided with copies of updated management plans directly and as soon as available. An update on changes to these plans should be provided in the annual project-specific monitoring report. In addition to considering updates to the management plans, the specific activities related to this modification, as approved under the current framework of the previously assessed Whale Tail Pit Project, must be reported in the project-specific annual monitoring report to the NIRB.

The NIRB appreciates receiving the update in respect of the proposed modifications to project activities that may affect the monitoring of the Whale Tail Pit Project and advises that updated plans should be submitted directly to the NIRB's Public Registry dashboard at www.nirb.ca/project/125418.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's direction, please contact Emily Koide, Technical Advisor III, at (867) 983-4612 or ekoide@nirb.ca, and Leah Klassen, Technical Advisor II, at lkleassen@nirb.ca or 1 (867) 983-4603.

Sincerely,



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