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NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA1526 & 2AM-WTP1826

April 29, 2024

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

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank Complex Project 2023 Annual Report

Dear Parties:

On March 30, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Meadowbank Complex 2023 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 16, 2024, following a completeness check, the NIRB requested clarification on documents within the *2023 Annual Report* which were subsequently submitted by April 26, 2024.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2023 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 13, 2024**.

The *2023 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: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2023 Annual Report](#).

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 *2023 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 *2023 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: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report](#).

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 2023 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 individual to serve as the Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit Projects. To mail materials to the NIRB, please use the address below.

Nunavut Impact Review Board
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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 (867) 983-4603 or lklaassen@nirb.ca

Sincerely,



Leah Klaassen
Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments (2): Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's *2023 Annual Report*
Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on Annual Report

cc: Marie-Pier Marcil, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Tom Thomson, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Eric Haley, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2023 Annual Report

Document Title	Meadowbank Document ID No.	Whale Tail Document ID No.
2023 Annual Report	348973	348927
Appendix 1: Meadowbank Update on Implementation of Commitments	348876	348928
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Appendix 3: NWB 2022 Annual Report Commitments	348878	348933
Appendix 4: NIRB 2022 Annual Report Commitments	348879	348936
Appendix 5: 2023 Annual Report NIRB 11EN010	348880	348939
Appendix 6: Baker Lake 2023 Bathymetric Survey	348881	348941
Appendix 7: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Annual Geotechnical Inspection	348882, 348883, 348884, 348885, 348886, 348887, 348888	348947, 348951, 348956, 348970, 348971, 348972, 348974
Appendix 8: Meadowbank 2023 Annual Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection	348889	348978
Appendix 9: Whale Tail 2023 Annual Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection	348890, 348891	348980, 348984
Appendix 10: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Annual Geotechnical Recommendation Implementation Plan	348892	348987
Appendix 11: Meadowbank 2023 Geomechanical Inspection Implementation Plan	348893	348990
Appendix 12: Whale Tail 2023 Geomechanical Inspection Implementation Plan	348894	348993
Appendix 13: Meadowbank Water Management Plan Version 12	349597, 349598	349601, 349602
Appendix 14: Whale Tail Water Management Plan Version 12	348897, 348898	349005, 349009
Appendix 15: Meadowbank and Whale Tail MDRB Report No 31	348899	349012
Appendix 16: Meadowbank Predicted Water Quantity and Quality (2012-2023)	348900	349015

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Appendix 17: Meadowbank Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Version 14	348901	349018
Appendix 18: Whale Tail Waste Rock Management Plan Version 12	348902	349022
Appendix 19: Meadowbank Thermal Monitoring Report 2023	348903	349026
Appendix 20: Whale Tail Thermal Monitoring Report 2023	349599, 348905, 348906	349603, 349028, 349029
Appendix 21: Meadowbank 2023 Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Transport Manifest	348907	349030
Appendix 22: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Spill Contingency Plan Version 21	348908	349033
Appendix 23: Meadowbank 2023 GN Spill Reports	348909	349037
Appendix 24: Whale Tail 2023 GN Spill Reports	348910	349041
Appendix 25: Meadowbank OPEP and OPPP Version 17	348911, 348912	349044, 349045
Appendix 26: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 CREMP Report	348913, 348914, 348915, 348916, 348917, 348918, 348919	349031, 349032, 349034, 349035, 349036, 349038, 349039
Appendix 27: Whale Tail 2023 Mercury Monitoring Program Report	348920	349040
Appendix 28: Meadowbank Dewatering Dikes OMS Version 11	348921	349042
Appendix 29: Meadowbank Tailings Management OMS Version 12	348922	349043
Appendix 30: Whale Tail Water Management Infrastructure OMS Version 4	348923	348976
Appendix 31: Whale Tail 2023 Report on the Implementation of Measures to Avoid and Mitigate Serious Harm	348924	348977
Appendix 32: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Marine Mammal and Seabird Report	348925, 348926	348979, 348981
Appendix 33: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Blast Monitoring Program Version 9	348929	348982

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Appendix 34: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Blast Monitoring Report	348930	348983
Appendix 35: Meadowbank 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Report	348932	348985
Appendix 36: Whale Tail 2023 Groundwater Management Monitoring Report	348934, 348935, 348937	348986, 348988, 348989
Appendix 37: Whale Tail 2023 Fish Habitat Offsets Monitoring Report	348938	348991
Appendix 38: Meadowbank 2023 Habitat Compensation Monitoring Report	348940	348992
Appendix 39: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Wildlife Monitoring Summary Report	348942, 348943, 348944, 348945, 348946, 348948, 348949	348994, 348995, 348996, 348998, 348999, 349000, 3489002
Appendix 40: Wildlife and HHRA Country Foods Screening Level Risk Assessment Plan Version 9	348950	349003
Appendix 41: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Noise Monitoring Report	348952	349004
Appendix 42: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Report	348953	349006
Appendix 43: Whale Tail Incinerator and Composter Waste Management Plan Version 2	348954	349007
Appendix 44: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Quality Assurance-Quality Control (QAQC) Plan Version 9	348955	349008
Appendix 45: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 QAQC Results	349600	349604
Appendix 46: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Emergency Response Plan Version 18	348958	349011
Appendix 47: Agnico Eagle Kivalliq Projects 2023 Socio-Economic Monitoring Program Report	348959	349013
Appendix 48: Meadowbank and Whale Tail 2023 Public Consultations	348960	349014
Appendix 49: Agnico Eagle's Training Management System and Learning Management System Reports	348961	349016
Appendix 50: Agnico Eagle 2023 Newsletter	348962	349017

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Appendix 51: Agnico Eagle 2023 Inuit Workforce Barriers Study	348964	349019
Appendix 52: Agnico Eagle Kivalliq Elders Advisory Committee 2023 Summary Report	348965	349020
Appendix 53: Meadowbank Landfarm Design and Management Plan Version 5	348966	349021
Appendix 54: Whale Tail Landfarm Design and Management Plan Version 3	348967	349023
Appendix 55: Meadowbank Landfill Design and Management Plan Version 6	348968	349024
Appendix 56: Whale Tail Landfill Design and Management Plan Version 5	348969	349025
Appendix 57: Meadowbank and Whale Tail Executive Summary Translation	349235	349236

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:	