



AGNICO EAGLE

February 28th, 2020

Mr. Andrew Nakashuk
Chair, Nunavut Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1797
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Re: Re-Opening of Submission for the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Thank you for your work with the recent Kivalliq Information Sessions to develop a Land Use Plan. We understand the Commission is now accepting additional written submissions to be included in the Commission's public record. Accordingly, Agnico Eagle Mines would like to re-confirm its previous submissions of November 29th, 2018 and January 13th, 2017 on the 2016 Draft Land Use Plan (DNLUP) and provide by way of this letter, additional information for your consideration.

As part of our commitment for sustainable development, we incorporate social acceptability into all aspects of our business strategy and management principles. An Inuit Elder leads our Wildlife and IQ Group to better incorporate IQ into our management and monitoring programs. With this in mind, we mandated our Wildlife and IQ Lead to design, lead and manage a community mapping exercise with the objective of creating a meaningful dialogue with Elders and land users to identify areas of cultural and harvesting significance in the Kivalliq region. This exercise will deliver the first community mapping report designed and managed exclusively in accordance with IQ principles. Each community will be receiving a copy of this report in May 2020 and free to reference for own future use, including land use matters.

This mapping exercise provided valuable traditional knowledge and we believe this could provide options for effective mitigation measures and monitoring programs for access corridors and therefore should be part of the components of a process for designation of a Special Management Areas (SMA). Agnico Eagle reaffirms our previous submission that effective mitigation measures and monitoring work can co-exist in SMA for sustainable mineral exploration and development.

The 2016 draft Nunavut Land Use Plan included fixed polygons to define "protected areas" surrounding calving areas for caribou. However, this approach does not address either IQ or scientific understanding that calving and post-calving grounds move over time, as was seen dramatically with the Bluenose East herd in the 2010s, the Beverly herd in the 2000s and the

Bathurst herd in the 1990s. We believe the designation of an SMA will allow for mobile and adaptive management measures required to safeguard the caribou population.

The calving grounds identified by the Government of Nunavut recognizes the changing patterns over decades. In our opinion, the protection of the calving grounds as they evolve, would benefit greatly from the designation of SMA as it would allow for adaptive management measures required to safeguard the caribou population.

In closing, Agnico Eagle view this opportunity to be a trusted partner to work with this Commission, Inuit organizations and communities towards a clear path forward to a comprehensive and durable land use plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Quesnel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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