



April 14, 2022

Nunavut Planning Commission
Sharon Ehaloak and Chairperson Andrew Nakashuk
PO Box 1797
Iqaluit, NU XOA OHO

Re: Opportunity to Submit Further Written Submission regarding the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land-Use Plan

Dear Ms. Ehaloak and Chairperson, Nakashuk,

We write further to the Nunavut Planning Commission (**NPC**)’s directions for the upcoming public hearings for the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (**DNLUP**) and the schedule for additional written submission as set out in NPC’s Revised Notice of Next Steps for Regional Public Hearings dated March 25, 2022 (**Notice**).

The Notice provided that participants who have already provided written comments in the last round of comments are permitted to provide additional comments by April 15, 2022. Agnico Eagle registered as a participant on September 30, 2021 and submitted preliminary written submissions dated October 8, 2021 in the last round of comments. In its preliminary submissions, Agnico Eagle identified significant concerns and uncertainties with how the DNLUP would affect existing rights and noted that there appears to have been inconsistent information provided to it with respect to the impact of the DNLUP on existing rights.

On April 6, 2022, Agnico Eagle received a document titled “2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Q&A” from the NPC (the **Q&A**). The information in the Q&A, particular questions 8 through 13, provide further information with respect to the treatment of existing rights under the DNLUP. Given the significance of this issue to Agnico Eagle, it requires further time to review and provide comments on the Q&A that was circulated April 6, 2022.

We also note that the treatment of existing rights is likely to be a significant issue of concern to many of the participants. It is our respectful view that the definition of existing rights, and the grandparenting afforded those existing rights, must be clearly defined in order to inform the submissions on all of the remaining aspects of the DNLUP. In other words, it is difficult to form views and participate in the process on issues such as appropriate restrictions on land use within designated lands when the identification and the treatment of existing rights in the DNLUP is not clearly understood. In addition to this, it is important to have certainty in existing land tenure for future investment in Nunavut plus possible new areas of interest. This is required to ensure Agnico Eagle has certainty for future investments in a stable jurisdiction. As mentioned in our preliminary submissions in October 2021, Agnico Eagle is the contributor of more than 25% of the GDP of Nunavut, the largest miner and private sector employer in Nunavut, and since 2007 have invested more than \$7 billion in Nunavut. Agnico Eagle is committed to a long-term presence in Nunavut and to supporting its well-being through its operations. We are grateful for the

opportunity to work with Inuit and to help support responsible exploration and mining on both Inuit Owned and Crown lands.

We trust the NPC will accept submissions on the information provided in the Q&A beyond the April 15, 2022 deadline set out in the Notice and would appreciate a confirmation to that effect. We appreciate the level of coordination and effort required to host these public hearings and remain committed to engaging in the process. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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