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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

COI Community of Interest

MAC Mining Association of Canada

RGMP or RGMPs Responsible Gold Mining Principles

TSM Towards Sustainable Mining

WGC World Gold Council

WSP Canada Inc.

Introduction

As part of its triennial audit, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) has integrated the audit of:

- Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM);
- Responsible Gold Mining Principles (RGMP) from the World Gold Council (WGC).

This report presents the result of WSP external verification (TSM and RGMP via the TSM Responsible Sourcing Alignment supplement) and external audit (TSM) performed for Agnico Eagle' Meadowbank Complex (Canada).

Objectives of the External Verification 1.1

Within TSM, a process of external verification is established to ensure that companies' reporting on TSM performance indicators is consistent, accurate and transparent. Every three years, a trained and accredited verifier critically reviews a company's self-assessments to determine if there is adequate evidence to support the performance ratings reported. Verifiers are experienced independent auditors and technical experts. If necessary, verifiers can change companies' self-assessed ratings to ensure they accurately reflect evidence of the facility's management practices and performance.

2 Verifier and Verification Information

Verification and external auditing for TSM and RGMP was be carried out by the following WSP team.

Table 2-1 Verifier and Verification Information

Verification firm:	WSP Canada Inc.
Confirmation that all verifiers involved in the verification are accredited TSM verifiers:	Yes
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Date(s) of verification activities:	Onsite verification activities: 28/10/2024 - 31/10/2024
Verification period:	2022 - 2024
Summary of the verification methodology:	See section 5
Summary of the verification activities:	See section 5
Was a site visit conducted?	Yes

3 Facility Information

Table 3-1 Facility Information

Name of company	Agnico Eagle Mines Limited		
Name of facility	Meadowbank Complex		
Address	P.O. Box 540 Baker Lake, NU, X0C 0A0		
Country of operation	Canada		
Products/metals produced on site	Gold		
Types of operations included i	n scope (yes or no):		
Mining			
Milling			
Smelting			
Hydrometallurgical			
Refining			
Other			
Types of infrastructure included in scope (yes or no):			
Roads			
Rails			
Ports			
Other			

Scope of Verification (Protocols Audited)

WSP integrated audit was conducted considering the TSM and RGMP as presented in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1 **Integrated Audit Standards**

Standard, Protocol (version)	External verification	External audit
TSM, Indigenous and Community Relationships (2019)	X	-
TSM, Biodiversity Conservation Management (2020)	X	-
TSM, Crisis Management and Communications Planning (2022)	X	-
TSM, Climate Change (2021)	X	-
TSM, Safety and Health (2020)	X	X
TSM, Preventing Child and Forced Labour (2019)	X	-
TSM, Water Stewardship (2018)	X	X
TSM, Tailings Management (2022)	X	X
RGMP, TSM Responsible Sourcing Alignment supplement (2021) (1)	X	-

Table notes:

⁽¹⁾ RGMP standard is verified as per the Equivalency statement between WGC's RGMPs and MAC's TSM. Statement is published on WGC website: https://www.gold.org/industry-standards/responsible-gold-mining

5 Methodology

5.1 Summary of audit activities

5.1.1 Preparation of the Audit

The preparatory activities carried out were as follows:

- Coordination meeting with Agnico Eagle representatives to plan the on-site visit.
- Transmission of the audit plan to the sites and MAC.
- The facility provides the needed information (auto-evaluation and the documentation support, internal audit report, etc.).
- Coordination meeting with the site to identify COI and plan interviews (sending out a pre-meeting questionnaire for preparation purposes and information gathering).
- Review of available data related to activities, self-assessment and documentation provided by the site.

5.1.2 Audit Activities

5.1.2.1 Corporate Audit

TSM and RGMP criteria have been sorted according to site and corporate. An audit was then carried out at corporate.

5.1.2.2 On-site Auditing Activities

For the on-site audit, the auditors conducted:

- An opening meeting.
- Meetings with employees on each subject of the protocols.
- Random interviews on the floor.
- Meetings with COIs who agreed to take part in the verification exercise.
- A closing meeting.
- Additional interviews after the site visit to complete certain missing elements.

5.2 Sampling

A risk-based approach has been used to gather and analyze information systematically on a site's performance against the applicable Performance Areas to optimize efficiency and reduce the assurance burden for sites. Data sampling was based to be drawn from the previous 3 years of operations.

All performance areas (protocols and indicators) were audited based on site-specific risks.

- The results of the review of mediatized information ("media scan") carried out by MAC were taken into consideration:
 - A federal government order about Caribou protection at Meadowbank (CBC), which may be relevant to biodiversity practices
 - A warehouse fire at Meadowbank (CBC), which may be relevant to health and safety practices

5.3 TSM – Workforce Sampling Approach

For the sampling of workers, interviews were carried out in a planned manner to meet the elements of the protocols as presented in section 5.1.2, as well as randomly and informally, notably to survey employees in relation to their commitment, understanding of their roles and responsibilities, as well as the implementation of certain operational processes.

A total of 64 different people were met during the audit week:

- 22 people during formal interviews;
- 42 people during informal interviews including 38 at random.

Of these 64 people, 11 are contractors.

5.4 TSM – COI Sampling Approach

COI selection was defined on the basis of category representativeness among the COIs at the site under verification as follows:

- Site-wide COI mapping was presented to each auditor prior to the audit, in order to select COIs based on a risk-based and representativity approach.
- COI's interest in participating in interviews was taken into consideration.

Thus, 6 COIs were interviewed which included members of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Baker Lake Elders, and the Hamlet of Baker Lake representatives to take part in the audit.

6 External Verification Conclusion

During this external verification, the WSP team was able to obtain the information required to verify Agnico Eagle's self-assessment level for the nine TSM protocols.

Table 6-1 summarizes the results that should be reported on the MAC Website for TSM and RGMP.

Table 6-1 Meadowbank Complex - TSM and RGMP Supplement External Verification

PROTOCOL	INDICATORS	LEVEL	COMMENTS	
	Corporate climate change management		The company is committed to taking action to combat climate change, in line with the ambition to limit global warming to well below 2°C (compared with pre-industrial levels), with short- and long-term objectives and planned actions to achieve these commitments.	
			Performance is measured against the targets announced in criterion no. 1 of the AA level. Processes for identifying, assessing and managing significant risks and opportunities related to climate change are in place and integrated into the company's risk management approach.	
		AA	The resilience of the business strategy has been examined taking into account different climate-related scenarios, including high and low warming scenarios.	
			The impacts of significant climate change risks and opportunities on other aspects of the business and strategy are identified, assessed and managed.	
Climate Change			There is a demonstrated understanding of how the company's strategic investments contribute to society's resilience to climate change and a low-carbon economy.	
			Procurement and supply chain management practices in place are consistent with the company's climate change strategy.	
	2. Facility climate change management		An energy and GHG emissions management system is in place, with specific criteria including:	
	, , , ,	_	- a data collection and monitoring process tailored to the site's energy consumption and sources of GHG emissions;	
		A	- a clear definition of roles and responsibilities for managing energy performance and GHG emissions;	
			- an annual review.	
	Facility performance targets and		The results of technical and technological improvements or other forms of GHG reduction or offsetting, in line with a long-term commitment to carbon neutrality, show that there has been a	
	reporting		substantial transformation in the facility's energy profile and GHG emissions.	
		AA	An independent audit has verified the accuracy of public reporting, including Scope 3 GHG emissions data.	
			Report link	
	Tailings management policy and commitment	AAA	An external audit was carried out (using the compliance table) and determined that all the requirements for an AA level had been met and found to be effective.	
	Assigned accountability for tailings management	AAA	An external audit was carried out (using the compliance table) and determined that all the requirements for an AA level had been met and found to be effective.	
Tailings Management	Tailings management system and emergency preparedness	AAA	An external audit was carried out (using the compliance table) and determined that all the requirements for an AA level had been met and found to be effective.	
	4. Operation, maintenance, and surveillance (OMS) manual	AAA	An external audit was carried out (using the compliance table) and determined that all the requirements for an AA level had been met and found to be effective.	
	5. Annual tailings management review	AAA	An external audit was carried out (using the compliance table) and determined that all the requirements for an AA level had been met and found to be effective.	
	Corporate biodiversity conservation commitment, accountability, and communications	AAA	The facility has biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance commitments in its various environmental management plans. It is committed to partnering with other organizations for biodiversity conservation. Roles, responsibilities, and resources have been assigned to support these commitments	
Biodiversity Conservation Management	Facility-level biodiversity conservation planning and implementation		The facility integrates biodiversity conservation management by participating in the Terrestrial Advisory Group to protect caribou. Initiatives are publically reported in the sustainability report.	
	· · ·		The facility:	
			- integrates the terrestrial environmental management plan (TEMP) which was developed in collaboration with Terrestrial Advisory Group (TAG).	
		AAA	- budget for road closures to account for caribou migration in site planning.	
			- provide regular updates at TAG meetings.	
			- address biodiversity in operatation readiness plan on a weekly basis.	
			Initiatives are publically reported in the sustainability report.	
	3. Biodiversity conservation reporting	AAA	The facility reports publicly on its biodiversity conservation activities. COI feedback on this reporting is actively sought and reported publicly. Facility's annual report, COI feedback, and the facility responses are available on the NIRB website .	

PROTOCOL	INDICATORS	LEVEL	COMMENTS		
	1. Commitments and Accountability	AAA	An external audit has been conducted and determined that the commitments are consistent with MAC Framework and applied. Accountabilities and responsibilities are defined and understood. The commitment to safety and health is communicated to employees, contractors, and suppliers at the facility through and e-learning and an induction training. These were considered effective to ensure that employees, contractors, and suppliers who work at the facility are aware of the commitments.		
	2. Planning and Implementation		An internal audit has been conducted to determine whether planning and implementation of the physical safety and health management system meets the requirements of Level A.		
		AA	Industrial hygiene risks and controls have been reviewed by a qualified hygienist.		
			The facility: - has verified that critical controls are in place and functioning, and the definition differentiates between critical, mitigating, and underpinning controls.		
Safety & Health			- has identified psychosocial hazards and harmful behaviours, and potential risks are assessed, managed, and monitored		
	3. Training, Behaviour and Culture		An internal audit has been carried out in line with A and AA criteria.		
		AAA	The facility:		
			- collaborates with relevant communities of interest to promote psychological safety and respect in community settings. 3.		
	4 M :: 1D ::		- integrates the principles of psychological safety and respect into its procurement processes and contractor relationships.		
	4. Monitoring and Reporting	AAA	An external audit was conducted and concluded that the safety and health data and information collection, compilation, and reporting meet the requirements of Level A and is effective at tracking opportunities for improvement identified. The public report is available here: Global Approach, Regional Focus - 2023 Sustainability Report		
	5. Performance	AAA	An external audit concluded that the safety and health performance data are accurate and reliable.		
	1. Water Governance		An external audit determined that the facility water stewardship practices are consistent with the TSM Water Stewardship Framework. Clear commitment to water management demonstrated		
			through weekly water management meetings to establish priorities.		
		AAA			
			Agnico Eagle's commitments related to water have been communicated to relevant employees, contractors, and water-related facility-level COI. Roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities for operational water management are defined.		
	2. Operational Water Management		Long-term water management considerations are incorporated into current water management decisionmaking processes and closure plans.		
Water Stewardship		AAA	Extensive effort has been put into water balance modelling and it is evidence that there is robust work being done to promote continual improvement on this.		
			An external audit determined that the operational water management practices meet the requirements of Level A and AA. The evaluation of effectiveness conducted on the tracking process for opportunities for improvement identified it is effective.		
	3. Watershed-scale Planning	AAA	Relevant watershed boundaries have been identified for the site. COI were identified with the collaboration of the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In addition to Level A and AA engagement activities, the sit sets watershed-scale goals.		
	4. Water Reporting and Performance	AAA	COI feedback on water reporting is actively sought. Report link		
	1. Community of Interest (COI)		The doucumented process makes it possible to:		
	Identification		- identify under-represented local communities of interest and communities of interest concerned indirectly or by specific issues.		
		AAA	 - communities of interest to express their views on the approach adopted by the site to identify communities of interest. - a periodic review of the process of identifying communities of interest in collaboration with them. 		
			- that comments from communities of interest are taken into account when updating the identification process.		
			- Communities of interest to be given an explanation when their comments have not been taken into account.		
	2. Effective COI Engagement and Dialogue		Processes are in place for collaborative exchange and dialogue with communities of interest, including conflict resolution mechanisms.		
Indigenous and Community Relationships			The facility has a proven track record of exchange and dialogue with committees of interest.		
		AAA	Committees of interest are involved in the decision-making process when it comes to reaching agreement on issues that directly affect them and/or are of interest to them.		
			A review of the effectiveness of exchange processes is carried out with the help of communities of interest, and identified corrective measures are implemented.		
			Public reports are produced on the effectiveness of exchange processes.		
	3. Effective Indigenous Engagement and		The exchange processes put in place have resulted in mutually agreed agreements or commitments with the aboriginal communities directly affected.		
	Dialogue AAA		The site respects the terms of the agreements agreements and commitments and monitors their implementation.		

PROTOCOL	INDICATORS	LEVEL	COMMENTS
			The site collaborates with communities to achieve Common and demonstrates that progress has been made towards the targeted outcomes and benefits.
			The collaborative process put in place to measure progress towards the objectives includes:
			- performance verification with Aboriginal communities;
			- the integration of adaptive management to deal with cases where objectives are not always met.
			The establishment has put in place commitments to raise awareness of the history, traditions and rights of aboriginal peoples, and to promote intercultural awareness and exchange through various means, as described in the protocol.
	Community Impact and Benefit Management		The processes put in place make it possible to:
	Management		- ensure that inconveniences to communities (including impacts on human rights) are identified, avoided or mitigated
		AAA	- encourage and optimize the social benefits generated by site operations.
			The site interacts with communities of interest to identify risks that are likely to affect them directly, including impacts associated with tailings management, where applicable, as well as those relating to community health and safety.
	5. COI Response Mechanism		The complaint management process: - allows for the transmission of data to higher levels when the feedback system does not allow for adequate follow-up.
		AAA	- provides for follow-up with users once the process has been completed.
			The effectiveness of the feedback system is reviewed, and corrective measures implemented where necessary.
Crisis Management and	1. Preparedness	Y	The corporate has set up a crisis management and communication plan with all the elements mentioned in the protocol.
Communications Planning	2. Review	Y	The crisis management and communication plan is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the organization's reality and industry best practices.
(Corporate)	3. Training	Y	Crisis simulation exercises are carried out annually.
	1. Preparedness	V	Site has established emergency response procedures for different scenarios, e.g. underground fire, hazardous material spills. Site participate in Nunavut Mine Rescue competition every year and
Crisis Management and			trains on a regular basis to prep for the competition.
Communications Planning (Facility)		Y	The crisis management and communication plan is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the organization's reality and industry best practices.
	3. Training	Y	Crisis simulation exercises are carried out annually.
Prevention of Child and	1. Preventing Forced Labour	Y	A process proportionate to the degree of risk associated with the region is in place to ensure that no one is forced to work.
Forced Labour	2. Preventing Child Labour	Y	Processes proportionate to the degree of risk are in place to ensure that no children are hired.

PROTOCOL	INDICATORS	YES OR NO					
	Corporate Governance and Ethical Conduct						
	1. Legal Compliance	Yes					
	2. Code of Conduct	Yes					
	3. Combating Bribery and Corruption	Yes					
	4. Political Contributions	N/A					
	5. Transparency of Taxes, Ownership and Transfer Pricing	Yes (SUPP5a and 5b) Na (SUPP5c)					
	6. Accountabilities and Reporting	Yes					
	7. Engagement with Corporate Communities of Interest	Yes					
	Integration of Sustainable Development into Corporate Strategy	and Decision-Making					
	8. Corporate Sustainable Development Strategy	N/A					
	9. Supply Chain	Yes					
	Respect for Human Rights and Labour Rights						
	10. UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	Yes					
	11. Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Area Due Diligence	Yes					
	12. Resettlement	N/A					
	13. Security and Human Rights	Yes					
Responsible Sourcing	14. Labour Rights	Yes					
Alignment Supplement (RGMP)	15. Compensation for Work Related Injury, Illness & Fatality	N/A					
(NOMI)	16. Employee Remuneration	Yes					
	17. Diversity and Women in Mining	Yes					
	Environmental Stewardship						
	18. Environmental Risk Management	Yes					
	19. Closure	Yes					
	20. Pollution Prevention and Waste Management	Yes					
	21. Noise and Vibration	N/A					
	22. Emissions to Air	N/A					
	23. Spills and Leakage	N/A					
	24. Hazardous Substances	Yes (SUPP24a and 24b) N/A (SUPP24c to 24g)					
	No criterion 25 (Error in protocol)						
	26. Land Use and Deforestation	Yes					
	27. Circular Economy	N/A					
	Social, Economic, and Institutional Development						
	28. Local Procurement	Yes					
	29. Cultural Heritage	Yes					
	30. Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining	N/A					

Statement of Verification

Table 9-1 presents the statement of Verification.

Table 7-1 **Statement of Verification**

The external verification was conducted in	☐ The external verification was conducted in accordance
accordance with the Terms of Reference for Verifiers	with the TSM Verifier Terms of Reference.
and, accordingly, consisted primarily of interviews,	
data analysis, and examination (on a sample basis) of	Biodiversity and conservation management (2020)
other evidence relevant to management's assertion of	Climate change (2021)
conformance to the requirements of the TSM	Crisis Management and Communications Planning
performance indicators.	(2022)
	Indigenous and Community Relationships (2019)
	Labour Rights (2019)
	Safety and health (2020)
	Tailings management (2022)
	Water stewardship (2018)
	TSM Supplement (2021)
The scores indicated in this report are verified as	☐ The scores in this report are considered accurate based
being accurate based on the evidence reviewed during	on this verification.
the external verification of this facility.	
Limitations	The verification consists of the evaluation of activities
Limitations	
	and installations as observed at a specific point in time. The verifier focused her observations, on the major facets
	at that time, and the conclusions are based on
	information available at the time of the verification
	activities.
	activities.
Additional comments	None
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Has an additional assurance statement been provided	Yes (for RGMP)
by the verifier? (yes or no)	
Name of lead verifier	Stephanie Davidovsky
Date of statement of verification	December 19, 2024
Signature of lead verifier	

8 Examples of Evidence Consulted

Climate Change

- Climate Risk Register 2023
- Energy Savings Action plan

Tailings Management

- Water & Tailings Management: Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP)
- 2023 Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (CREMP) Annual Report

Biodiversity Conservation Management

- Internal Audit TSM Biodiversity Protocol (August 2024)
- Sustainable Development Policy (Agnico Eagle)
- Shipping Management Plan (version 4 April 2022)

Safety & Health

- Health and Safety Report 2024 Half-Year
- Hot Work Permit

Water Stewardship

- Water Management Policy (Agnico Eagle)
- Water Management Plan (version 12 March 2024)
- Spill Contingency Plan (version 19 March 2023)

Indigenous and Community Relationships

- Nunavut Donation Policy (2024)
- Nunavut Community Engagement Plan and Toolkit (2024)

Crisis Management and Communications Planning

- Emergency Response Plan (version 18 August 2023)
- Crisis Management Plan

Prevention of Child and Forced Labour

Agnico Eagle Supplier Code of Conduct