



**NOTICE OF INDICATION FOR  
12.10.2(b) DETERMINATION REPORT  
NIRB FILE NO.: 11MN034**

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**Re: Notice of Indication for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Phase 1: All-Weather Road"  
NLCA 12.10.2(b) Application, NIRB File No. 11MN034**

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) 12.10.2(b) Determination Report to the Honourable Ministers Lorne Kusugak, John Duncan, Denis Lebel, Joe Oliver, and Keith

Ashfield, and to President David Ningeongan, for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Phase 1: All-Weather Road" application in the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut.

The NIRB has assessed AEM's application for the "Phase 1: All-Weather Road" to be allowed as an exception from the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold Mine project proposal (NIRB File No. 11MN034). In assessing the application, the NIRB considered potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts and further took into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities.

Based on this assessment, the NIRB's determination is in accordance with **12.10.2 (b)** of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), to approve the exception of AEM's "Phase 1: All-Weather Road" application from the NIRB's ongoing Review of AEM's Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File NO. 11MN034). The NLCA, Section 12.10.2 states the following:

*12.10.2 "Notwithstanding Section 12.10.1, where a project proposal has been referred for review pursuant to Part 5 or 6, approvals or licences for exploration or development activities related to that project may be issued if*

*(a) the activity falls within Schedule 12-1; or*

*(b) the activity can, in the judgement of NIRB, proceed without such a review."*

The enclosed NIRB 12.10.2(b) Determination Report for NIRB File No. 11MN034, signed on February 16, 2012 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Yellowknife, NT has been issued to the Government of Nunavut – Department of Community and Government Services, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Transport Canada, and the Kivalliq Inuit Association and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent through licences, authorizations and relevant legislation.

The NIRB is aware of the authority of each of the aforementioned government departments and Inuit organization to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed 12.10.2(b) Determination Report. As such, the NIRB requests that those agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for the "Phase 1: All-Weather Road" application send a hardcopy of the permit or licence with the NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office in order to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please be advised that the enclosed determination applies only to the exploration and/or development activities as described within the "Phase 1: All-Weather Road" application and is subject to the implementation of the Board's recommendations as described within the report.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact me directly by telephone at (867) 983-4615 or by email at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Meliadine Distribution List

Enclosure: NIRB 12.10.2(b) Determination Report (NIRB File No.: 11MN034)