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Re: Change of Proponent name on the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 004)

Dear Mr. Connell:

Following its recent reconsideration of Condition 32 of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 004), on June 1, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued its *Hearing Report for the NLCA 12.8.2 Reconsideration of Condition 32 of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate*. In addition to recommendations regarding Condition 32 of the Project Certificate, the Board also recommended to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that the name of the Proponent of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate be changed from "Cumberland Resources Limited" to "Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited" (AEM). This recommendation was made to reflect AEM's acquisition of the Meadowbank Gold Mine project through its purchase of Cumberland Resources Ltd in 2007.

On August 24, 2009 the Board wrote to the Meadowbank distribution list and requested that interested parties provide the NIRB with their comments or concerns regarding the proposed name change for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate, on or before September 4, 2009. On August 30, 2009 the Board received correspondence from AEM outlining the acquisition of Cumberland Resources Limited by AEM, and requesting formally, that the name of the Proponent on the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate be changed to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. No further comments regarding the proposed name change were received from other parties by September 4, 2009.

In correspondence dated September 22, 2009, the NIRB indicated that it would hold its final decision for a period of thirty (30) days to allow the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to provide any additional comments or direction to the Board regarding the proposed name change, if deemed necessary. Following the end of this thirty (30) day period, the NIRB is now granting AEM's request to change the name of the holder of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 004) to "Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd." (see attached Project Certificate cover page). Where it has not already done so, the NIRB respectfully advises AEM to have all other regulatory authorizations changed to reflect the current ownership of the project.

Concurrent with this name change, the Board hereby formally amends the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate to include the amended Condition 32, a result of the NIRB's 12.8.2 (NLCA)

reconsideration of Condition 32 and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's acceptance of the Board's recommendation (see *amended* Condition 32, attached).

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding the Project Certificate for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project, please contact the NIRB's Monitoring Officer, Amanda Hanson, at ahanson@nirb.ca or by telephone at (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Meadowbank distribution list

Attachment: *Amended* cover page, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No.004)
Amended Condition 32, Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 004)

32. AEM shall operate the all-weather road as a private access road, and implement all such measures necessary to limit non-mine use of the road to authorized, safe and controlled use by all-terrain-vehicles for the purpose of carrying out traditional Inuit activities. The measures AEM shall undertake include, but are not limited to:
- a. Maintaining a gate and manned gatehouse at kilometre 5 of the Private Access Road;
 - b. In consultation with the Hamlet of Baker Lake, the local HTO, and the KivIA, update the All-weather Private Access Road Management Plan to set out the criteria and processes to authorize and ensure safe and controlled non-mine use of the road by all-terrain-vehicles for the purpose of carrying out traditional Inuit activities, and measure to limit all other non-mine use of the road. The updated Plan is to be submitted to the GN, INAC, and KivIA for approval no later than one (1) month after the approval of revised Condition 32.
 - c. The posting of signs in English and Inuktitut at the gate, each major bridge crossing, and each 10 kilometres of road, stating that unauthorized public use of the road is prohibited;
 - d. The posting of signs in English and Inuktitut along the road route to identify when entering or leaving crown land;
 - e. Prior to opening of the road, and annually thereafter, advertise and hold at least one community meeting in the Hamlet of Baker Lake to explain to the community that the road is a private road with non-mine use of the road limited to approved, safe and controlled use by all-terrain-vehicles for the purpose of carrying out traditional Inuit activities.
 - f. Place notices at least quarterly on the radio and television to explain to the community that the road is a private road with non-mine use of road limited to authorized, safe and controlled use by all-terrain-vehicles for the purpose of carrying out traditional Inuit activities.
 - g. Record all authorized non-mine use of the road, and require all mine personnel using the road to monitor and report unauthorized non-mine use of the road, and collect and report this data to NIRB one (1) year after the road is opened and annually thereafter; and
 - h. Report all accidents or other safety incidents on the road, to the GN, KivIA, and the Hamlet immediately, and to NIRB annually.