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Via email: RGould@agnico-eagle.com

Re: Recommendations based on the NIRB's 2007-2008 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project

Dear Ms. Gould:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) met in October of this year and reviewed the *NIRB's 2007-2008 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project* (Monitoring Report). The Monitoring Report was sent out under separate cover earlier today, and covers project activities occurring from October 2007 to September 2008. Based on their review of these activities, the Board has issued the following directions to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd (AEM or the Proponent):

- 1) In accordance with Section 2.2 (Mitigation Measures of AEM's Transportation Management Plan for the Tehek Lake All-Weather Private Access Road, the Proponent shall ensure that signage that indicates the maximum speed limit(s) is posted no later than February 1, 2009 (according to (i) AEM's Access & Air Traffic Management Plan (October 2005) and (ii) correspondence from the Proponent dated August 13, 2008, the recommended speed limit is 50 km/h).
- 2) In accordance with Condition 32 (Meadowbank Project Certificate), the Proponent shall ensure that the following are completed no later than February 1, 2009, and additionally, shall forward to the NIRB's Monitoring Officer by this date, digital photographs as evidence of:
 - a. The posting of signage in English and Inuktitut at each gate, each major bridge crossing, and each 10 kilometres of road, stating that public use of the road is prohibited; and
 - b. The posting of signs in English and Inuktitut along the road route to identify when entering/leaving Crown land and Inuit Owned Land.
- 3) The Proponent shall provide the NIRB's Monitoring Officer with its Search and Rescue Plan for the All Weather Private Access Road, and indicate how Traditional Knowledge has been incorporated into search and rescue operations (as required by Condition 34 of the Meadowbank Project Certificate). The Search and Rescue Plan shall be provided to the NIRB on or before February 1, 2009.
- 4) In accordance with Condition 40 (Meadowbank Project Certificate), the Proponent shall provide the NIRB with updated reports regarding Traditional Knowledge gathered in Chesterfield Inlet –

specifically during the one-day workshop required by the Project Certificate – with respect to marine mammals, cabins, hunting, and other local activities in Chesterfield Inlet. The Proponent shall file this information with the NIRB no later than March 31, 2009.

- 5) In accordance with Condition 51 (Meadowbank Project Certificate), the Proponent shall initiate contact with the HTOs of Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet regarding the development, implementation and eventual reporting of creel surveys within the waterbodies potentially affected by the Project, and provide the Monitoring Officer with documentation of this contact no later than February 1, 2009.
- 6) The Proponent shall submit to the NIRB's Monitoring Officer, on or before February 1, 2009, all wildlife data reported to AEMs on-site Environmental officers between June 15, 2008 and December 15, 2008 (i.e.: reports of wildlife along AWPAP, near Meadowbank site, near misses or incidences along AWPAP).
- 7) In accordance with Condition 56 (Meadowbank Project Certificate) and Section 3.4.2.6 of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan, the Proponent shall place updated maps outlining caribou migration corridors in Meadowbank site offices. The Proponent is required to post the required maps in site offices, and to submit copies of these maps to the NIRB's Monitoring Officer, no later than March 31, 2009.
- 8) The Proponent shall provide both written indication and digital photographs to the NIRB's Monitoring Officer once sound metres have been installed at the Meadowbank site. Project Certificate No. 004 Condition 62 states that "*sound metres are to be set up immediately upon issuance of the Project Certificate for the purpose of obtaining baseline data...*" Project Certificate No. 004 was issued December 30, 2006.
- 9) In accordance with Condition 77, the Proponent shall provide follow up correspondence to the Monitoring Officer by February 1, 2009 which documents AEMs concerted efforts to review and coordinate its Emergency Response Plan with those of the Hamlets of Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 867-983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Meadowbank Distribution List