



NIRB File No.: 03MN107

July 7, 2009

To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: **Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd's Meadowbank Gold Project 2008 Annual Report**

Dear Parties:

On April 27, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd's (AEM) *Meadowbank Gold Project 2008 Annual Report*. In accordance with the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004 issued by the NIRB in December 2006, AEM is required to report annually to the NIRB on a number of activities undertaken with respect to the Meadowbank Project.

The *2008 Annual Report* can be accessed via the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:
<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/01-REPORT/>.

At this time, the NIRB is requesting that interested parties review this document and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or areas of expertise by **August 7, 2009**.

Given that the NIRB monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring, the NIRB is also requesting that Parties provide comments and/or information on the following:

- 1) Effects Monitoring
 - a. Whether the conclusions reached by AEM in the 2008 Annual Report are valid;
 - b. Any areas of significance requiring further studies; and
 - c. Changes to the monitoring program which may be required.
- 2) Compliance Monitoring
 - a. Any instances of non-compliance with respect to any licences, permits, or authorizations that have been issued; and
 - b. Whether any inspections were completed during the 2008 reporting period, and if so, a summary of the results of those inspections.

Please send all forthcoming submissions to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette, at info@nirb.ca or via fax to 867-983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me directly at ahanson@nirb.ca or via telephone at 867-983-4615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Hanson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Amanda Hanson
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Nunavut Impact Review Board