



**NIRB File No. 03MN107**

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Larry Connell  
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Dear Mr. Connell:

**Re: Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate name change**

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 (the Minister) that the name of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate holder be changed from “Cumberland Resources Limited” to “Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited.” The Meadowbank Gold Mine project was acquired by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd in its purchase of Cumberland Resources Ltd in 2006.

On August 6, 2009 the NIRB received the Minister’s decision regarding the Board’s reconsideration of Condition 32 of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (correspondence attached). On the matter of changing the name of the Project Certificate holder, the Minister stated:

*“...I leave this decision to the Board. I trust the Board will review all relevant documentation prior to making a name change so that it can be assured that the appropriate legal entity is identified as the Project Certificate holder.”*

The Board is currently contemplating a similar change of name to the Doris North Project Certificate (No. 003), and is endeavoring to report to the Minister on both certificates concurrently. Prior to this, the Board would like to ensure interested parties have an opportunity to provide their comments or concerns to the NIRB regarding this proposed name change for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate. The Board therefore requests comments from interested parties on this matter by **September 4, 2009**. There will also be an opportunity for

public comment on this matter at the NIRB's upcoming public information session in Baker Lake, scheduled for September 1, 2009.

Please direct any forthcoming comment submissions to the NIRB's Manager, Environmental Administration, at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or by fax to **(867) 983-2594**. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Amanda Hanson, the NIRB's Technical Advisor and Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank Project, at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Autut  
Executive Director

cc: Meadowbank Distribution List  
Thomas Kudloo, A/Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board

Attachment: Correspondence from the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to the NIRB (July 28, 2009)