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Via e-mail: info@nirb.ca

Dear Ms. Hanson,

Re: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd's Submission of the Meadowbank Updated Transportation Management Plan AWPAR Version 1

On October 14, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) informed interested parties that Agnico-Eagle had submitted an updated Transportation Management Plan (Plan) for the Meadowbank Project's All-Weather Private Access Road. NIRB has asked that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), as well as the Government of Nunavut and the Kivalliq Inuit Association approve this Plan.

INAC has reviewed the most recent version and would like to request some additional information or clarification before the Plan is formally approved.

- The Plan does not indicate what AEM's role would be should there be a serious accident involving an authorized ATV, either in respect to potential danger to human safety or environmental impact.
- While the Safety Rules outlined in Appendix A indicate that AEM has reserved the right to control the number of authorized ATVs on the road, the Plan does not indicate how the need for this control will be monitored or implemented and by whom.
- The Plan does not indicate whether the use of safety equipment provided will be mandatory while on the AWPAR.

- The Plan does not indicate whether monitoring data for both authorized and unauthorized use will be reported to the NIRB, in order to allow amendments to the Plan as necessary.
- The Plan does not indicate that safety rules and procedures are subject to adaptive management based on monitoring of their effectiveness.

Once this information is provided and incorporated into the Plan in a satisfactory manner, INAC will communicate its approval of the AWPAP Transportation Management Plan to Agnico-Eagle as well as to the NIRB.

Should you have any questions or like any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4567 by phone or at margaux.brisco@inac-ainc.gc.ca by email.

Sincerely,

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