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Stéphane Robert Environment Superintendent Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., Meadowbank Division P.O. Box 540 Baker Lake, NU X0B 0C0

Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com

Re: Request for Comments on Meadowbank Gold Project Certificate [No. 004] – Draft

Appendix D

Dear Stéphane Robert:

In accordance with the Meadowbank Gold Project Certificate No. 004 (PC) issued by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) on December 30, 2006 and its recent 2010 recommendations regarding the Meadowbank project, the Board has prepared the enclosed draft *Appendix D – Meadowbank Monitoring Program*.

The draft *Appendix D* has been designed to be consistent with the project monitoring framework previously established by the NIRB for mine development projects in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The purpose of this document is to provide clarity and guidance with respect to the NIRB's expectations for project monitoring and reporting by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM), Government, and the Board's Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank project.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB invites parties to review the *draft Appendix D* and provide any comments or concerns regarding this draft document directly to the NIRB. Interested parties are asked to provide comments relating to their area of expertise and/or mandated responsibilities, or any other matter of interest as may relate to the Meadowbank project and the proposed monitoring program as outlined in *Appendix D*.

Comments can be submitted to the NIRB via email to <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax to 867-983-2594 on or before **January 21, 2011**. Following the receipt of public comments, it is the Board's intention to issue the final version of *Appendix D* to AEM.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please feel free to contact the NIRB's Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank Gold Project, Amanda Hanson, at ahanson@nirb.ca or via telephone at 867-983-4615.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barry

Director, Technical Services

cc: Larry Connell, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

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Enclosure: Draft Appendix D – Meadowbank Monitoring Program