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To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: **Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd's Meadowbank Gold Project 2010 Annual Report**

Dear Parties:

On September 23, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd's (AEM) *Meadowbank Gold Project 2010 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 *Meadowbank Gold Project 2010 Annual Report* can be found on the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2010/01-REPORT/>.

At this time, the NIRB requests that interested parties review the *Meadowbank Gold Project 2010 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **November 2, 2011**.

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

- 1) Effects monitoring
 - a. Whether the conclusions reached by AEM in the 2010 Annual Report are valid;
 - b. Any areas of significance requiring further studies; and
 - c. Changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In regards to compliance monitoring, the NIRB requested information from Parties on August 25, 2011 on the following:

- a) How the authorizing agency has incorporated the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate into their permits, certificates, licenses or other government approvals, where applicable;

- b) A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2010 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
- c) A summary of AEM's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

The NIRB requests that if there were any additional comments in regards to compliance monitoring to include them along with your comments on the AEM Monitoring Report and effects monitoring.

Please send all forthcoming submissions to info@nirb.ca or via fax to 867-983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on this or other matters related to the NIRB's monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Project, please contact, Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor and NIRB's Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank Gold Project, directly at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Stéphane Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.