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To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report

Dear Parties:

On August 20, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) *Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report*. In accordance with Appendix D annexed to 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 activities undertaken with respect to the Meadowbank Project.

The *Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report* is available for review on the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROONENT/2011/01-REPORT/>.

As per Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and provisions prescribed in the Project Certificate [No. 004], the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **September 21, 2012**. The NIRB is also requesting that Parties provide comments and/or information with respect to the following:

1) Compliance Monitoring

- a. How the authorizing agency has incorporated the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate into their permits, certificates, licences or other government approvals, where applicable;
- b. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2011 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.

2) Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by AEM in the *2011 Annual Report* are valid;
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further studies; and
- c. Changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

Please send all forthcoming submissions to info@nirb.ca or via fax to 867-983-2594 by **September 21, 2012**.

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 me directly at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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