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April 30, 2013

To: Meadowbank Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Comment Request for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meadowbank Gold Project 2012 Annual Report**

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Dear Parties:

On April 19, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) *Meadowbank Gold Project 2012 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 2012 Annual Report* is available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2012/01-REPORT/>.

As per Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and provisions prescribed in the Project Certificate [No. 004] – Appendix D, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *Meadowbank Gold Project 2012 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **May 30, 2013** on the following:

- 1) Effects monitoring
  - a. Whether the conclusions reached by AEM in the 2012 Annual Report are valid;
  - b. Any areas of significance requiring further studies; and
  - c. Changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that authorizing agencies and Government departments provide comments and/or information with respect to the following:

2) Compliance Monitoring

- a. Provide any compliance monitoring and/or site inspection reports to the NIRB including the following information:
  - i. 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;
  - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2012 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
  - iii. A summary of AEM's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

Please send all forthcoming submissions to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to 867-983-2594 by **May 30, 2013**.

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 the undersigned at (867) 793-4633 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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