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**Re: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2012 – 2013 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Project and Board's Recommendations**

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Dear Kelly Senkiw:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued its *2012 – 2013 Annual Monitoring Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meadowbank Gold Project* (Monitoring Report) to Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) under separate cover earlier today<sup>1</sup>. The enclosed Monitoring Report is based on the NIRB's monitoring activities pursuant to the Project Certificate [004] and Sections 12.7.1 and 12.7.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. This report provides findings that resulted from monitoring of this Project that took place from October 2012 to September 2013.

Based upon the Board's review of the monitoring report and other materials related to the Meadowbank Project, the Board has issued the following recommendation in order to assist AEM in achieving compliance with the Meadowbank Project Certificate [No. 004] and other project-related commitments.

*Monitoring of country foods – Condition 67*

Meadowbank Project Certificate [No. 004] Condition 67 requires the Proponent to develop a program which monitors contaminant levels in country foods and to submit this plan to the NIRB. In 2012, the Board invited Health Canada to provide comments on the wildlife screening level risk assessment (WSLRA)<sup>2</sup> and a preliminary quantitative risk assessment (PQRA)<sup>3</sup> report

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<sup>1</sup> NIRB Letter to AEM, 2013. "The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2012 – 2013 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Project and Board Recommendations", November 27, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> "Wildlife Screening Level Risk Assessment for the Meadowbank Gold Project," Appendix I1 of *Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report*, 2012 (<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2011/01-REPORT/>).

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prepared by AEM in order to meet the requirements of Condition 67, and to indicate whether or not further information may be required with respect to the monitoring program. With respect to the PQRA report, Health Canada indicated that it would require additional information to provide comments on the human health assessment that was completed by AEM. The request for additional information was forwarded to AEM and in turn AEM responded and provided the information requested by Health Canada. To date, the Board has not received any further response or comment from Health Canada in regards to this additional information that was requested from, and provided by, AEM.

As carried by way of a motion at its recent November 2013 meeting held in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut the Board invites Health Canada to provide comments on the additional information provided by AEM with respect to the PQRA report and to indicate whether or not further information may be required with respect to the monitoring program as outlined in Condition 67.

The Board respectfully requests that Health Canada provide any comment within 60 days' receipt of these recommendations.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding this request or related to the NIRB's monitoring program for the Meadowbank project, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 793-4633 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2012 – 2013 Annual Monitoring Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meadowbank Gold Project.

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<sup>3</sup> "Human Health Preliminary Quantitative Risk Assessment of Consumption of Country Foods for the Meadowbank Gold Project," Appendix I2 of *Meadowbank Gold Project 2011 Annual Report*, 2012(<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2011/01-REPORT/>).

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