

## COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

**Project Proposal Title:** IVR Winter Access

**Proponent:** Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

**Location:** Kivalliq Region

**Comments Due By:** April 3, 2014

**NIRB #:** 11EN010

### Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

☐ no concerns

☒ water quality

☒ terrain

☐ air quality

☒ wildlife and their habitat

☐ marine mammals and their habitat

☐ birds and their habitat

☒ fish and their habitat

☒ heritage resources in area

☒ traditional uses of land

☒ Inuit harvesting activities

☐ community involvement and consultation

☐ local development in the area

☐ tourism in the area

☐ human health issues

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please describe the concerns indicated above:

-As they planned to drill on ice, the chemicals used in drilling will spread to surrounding water-systems & connecting lakes. There is no way to prevent contaminants from spreading.

-continuous use winter road on raw (not gravel) terrain may erode the land

-Wildlife (caribou) has since been impacted in their migration from AEM AWR, this winter road will add negative impact to the migrating animals

-all the lakes & water system is rich in all types of fish; lake trout, grayling, white-fish, arctic char. Long-term use of winter road will leave grease & other pollutants on the lake that will affect the fish & their habitats.

### Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

-As you know by IOL, this is all Inuit heritage ancestral land. It is still very important to them

-AEM has failed on their AWR; their promise on mitigation (to turn it original shape, Maniktuq hill (gatehouse area) as this is important route to many harvesters, to date, nothing has been done. New prjts. should not allowed to be approved until companies prove satisfactory with their mitigation measures

### Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?

Chemicals & grease will impact snow/ice & terrain. Continuous monitoring & land-use inspections should be done by Baker Lake HTO, that drilling on ice is not polluting the water & connecting water-systems

BL HTO after consultation with harvesters, learnt that AEMs AWR has negatively impacted the migrating caribou, and as the board represents harvester & all wildlife/habitats & environment, they will continue to AEM & to KIA/NTI that before any projects are approved especially on IOLs, they must abide conditions & protective measures to prevent hardships to the livelihood of the harvesters

Name of person commenting: Julie Seeteehak of

Position: Vice-Chairperson

Organization: Baker Lake HTO

Signature: Julie Seeteehak

Date: April 2, 2014