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Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O Box 1360 Cambridge Bay, NU XOB OCO

Sent VIA Email: info@nirb.ca

Re: NIRB File No.: 03MN107: GN Health Response to Health Canada letters dated January 27, 2014 and June 9, 2014 and Agnico Eagle Mines letter dated April 16, 2014 regarding the 2011 Human Health PQRA for Consumption of Country Foods for the Meadowbank Gold Project

Dear Nunavut Impact Review Board,

The Department of Health (Health) has reviewed Agnico-Eagle Mine's (AEM) 2011 Preliminary Quantitative Risk Assessment included as appendix 12 of Meadowbank's 2011-2012 Annual Monitoring Report as well as the correspondence between Health Canada (HC) and AEM regarding the results from this assessment. Health does not object to AEM's planned scope for the follow up SLRA to be conducted this year.

Health would like to note that both AEM's letter dated April 16, 2014 and HC's letter dated June 9, 2014 incorrectly name the GN as the responsible party for undertaking animal tissue sampling. Health would like to clarify that any project-specific contaminant monitoring, including animal tissue sampling, is the responsibility of the project certificate holder. The concerns about lead concentrations in caribou and goose discussed in the letters from HC and AEM are specific to the on-site monitoring results, and therefore, the obligation to monitor and analyze contaminant levels, as well as take animal tissue samples if necessary, is the responsibility of AEM.

Should you have any questions regarding our response, please contact Ted Cousins, Environmental Assessment Coordinator with Health at 867-975-5793 or via email, tcousins@gov.nu.ca

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