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Re: Request for clarification from the Nunavut Water Board Regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Request to Amend the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On July 28, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a project description from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Proponent) which outlined proposed changes to the Meadowbank Gold Mine and related amendments which may be necessary to the NIRB Project Certificate [004] (the 'Project Certificate') issued by the NIRB December 30, 2006 for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107). On September 4, 2014 the NIRB received a referral from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to screen AEM's Application for *Paragraph 35(2) (b) Fisheries Act Authorization (Normal Circumstances)* as associated with the request to amend the Project Certificate. Furthermore, on September 18, 2014 the NIRB received a notification from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) which indicated that the project as proposed would not require an NPC conformity determination and that all conformity requirements (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) as previously agreed to by the Proponent and related to the Meadowbank Gold Project would remain in effect. On November 18, 2014 the NIRB distributed the project description and correspondence (enclosed) to parties and agencies with jurisdiction, authority and/or licenses and approvals associated with the Meadowbank Gold Project and solicited input by December 2, 2014 on whether the proposed changes warrant reconsideration of the existing Project Certificate in accordance with NLCA Section 12.8.2.

On or before December 2, 2014 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Environment Canada

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada

On December 9, 2014 the NIRB received a joint comment submission from Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Kivalliq Inuit Association.

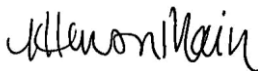
Please note that all materials pertaining to AEM's request for amendment to the Meadowbank Project and the NIRB Project Certificate can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/AMENDMENTS/2014%20VAULT%20EXPANSION/>.

Considering the types of activities proposed by AEM within its amendment application, as well as the renewal process currently being undertaken by the Nunavut Water Board for the Type 'A' water licence 2AM-MEA0815, the NIRB respectfully requests that the Nunavut Water Board provide an indication to our office by **January 9, 2015** as to whether amendment(s) would be required to the Type A Water Licence (No. 2AM-MEA0815) in place for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project to address the proposed works in the enclosed project description.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Monitoring Officer, at (867) 983-4606 or via email at hrasmussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Stéphane Robert, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Meadowbank Distribution List

Enclosed: NIRB Letter to AEM Re Project Certificate Amendment Application (*November 18, 2014*)
AEM Meadowbank Mine Vault Pit Expansion into Phaser Lake Project Description (*July 28, 2014*)