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Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Clarification on the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Required for the Vault Pit Expansion Amendment Proposal

Dear Stéphane Robert:

On January 23, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided notification to Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Proponent) that AEM was required to submit an addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Meadowbank Gold Project¹, specific to the Vault Pit Expansion proposal as part of the NIRB's reconsideration of Project Certificate No. 004 pursuant to Section 12.8.2(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On February 13, 2015 AEM submitted correspondence to the NIRB requesting additional clarification on the sections of the Guidelines² that the NIRB considered applicable to the amendment. In addition, AEM provided a table outlining the guidelines that it proposes as applicable to the Vault Pit Expansion proposal, and those that it considered addressed within the "Vault Pit Expansion into Phaser Lake Project Description" previously submitted to the NIRB on July 28, 2014.

The NIRB's January 23, 2015 notification identified that the FEIS Addendum should describe all aspects of the proposed amendments, and must be a stand-alone document capable of supporting the public review, comment and assessment process associated with the NIRB's reconsideration. The NIRB has included comments in the attached table, previously submitted by AEM, to indicate which items may be relevant to the proposed activities, and to note where AEM may provide, either directly within the FEIS Addendum or by cross-reference to the FEIS, the complete impact assessment. It is noted in the table that the NIRB would require clarification within the FEIS Addendum about the use or involvement of existing site infrastructure or

¹ The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Meadowbank Gold Project, NIRB File No. 03MN107, can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following address: http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/COMPLETED%20REVIEWS/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/02-REVIEW/08-FINAL_EIS/

² EIS Guidelines for the Meadowbank Gold Project, February 2004

mitigation/monitoring plans, and how these would function in relation to the proposed Vault Pit Expansion. The potential impact of the proposed activities to the life of the infrastructure, design, or eventual remediation should also be clearly noted.

In closing, the NIRB requests that AEM review the enclosed table and provide a date for its anticipated submission of the FEIS Addendum to the NIRB. Should you have questions or require further clarification, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Technical Advisor and NIRB Monitoring Officer for the Meadowbank Project at (867) 983-4606 or via email at hrasmussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
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cc: David Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board
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Attachment (1): NIRB clarification to AEM's Appendix A-Proposed Concordance Table