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Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com

Re: <u>Information Requests received from Parties regarding AEM's Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Vault Pit Expansion Amendment Proposal for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project</u>

Dear Stéphane Robert:

On July 30, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) initiated the public technical review period for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM or Proponent) Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) submission for the Vault Pit Expansion proposal (NIRB File No. 03MN107). During the initial 30 day period the NIRB invited interested parties to submit Information Requests (IR) to the Board on or before August 28, 2015 to facilitate their technical review of the Vault Pit Expansion proposal.

On or before August 28, 2015 the NIRB received IR submissions from the following parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN):
 - o 2 IRs directed to the Proponent
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
 - o 16 IRs directed to the Proponent
- Environment Canada (EC)
 - o 4 IRs directed to the Proponent
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
 - o 7 IRs directed to the Proponent
- Transport Canada (TC)
 - o 1 IRs directed to the Proponent
- Private Citizen
 - o 1 IR directed to the Proponent

All IR submissions are available from the NIRB's online registry at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/05-AMENDMENTS/02-VAULT%20EXPANSION-CONDITION%2048/06-IR%20%26%20TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/02-INFORMATION%20REQUEST/.

The NIRB has completed its review of the IRs received and hereby requests that the Proponent respond to those IRs which have been determined to be relevant to the current stage of the review process and necessary to facilitate parties' technical review of the Addendum and subsequent development of technical review comments.

When preparing the IR Response package, the NIRB recommends that AEM consult with parties as necessary to ensure the information to be provided will meet the expectations of reviewers moving forward.

The Board respectfully requests that AEM review all submissions as available via the NIRB's online public registry and supply the NIRB with an indication of an anticipated date for submission of its IR Response Package, on or before **Thursday, September 17, 2015**.

Please direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or by fax at (867) 983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the next steps in the Board's assessment of the Vault Pit Expansion proposal, please contact the undersigned at (867) 857-2052 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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