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To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Confirmation of the upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting related to the NIRB's Review of AEM's Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Vault Pit Expansion Amendment Proposal for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project

Dear Parties:

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 September 4, 2015, the NIRB requested that the Proponent review the submissions and supply the Board with an indication of an anticipated date for submission of its IR Response Package by September 17, 2015. The NIRB received the IR Response Package from AEM on October 1, 2015.

On October 6, 2015 the NIRB notified parties of the commencement of the 60 day technical review period and announced tentative dates for a Technical Meeting for the review of AEM's Vault Pit Expansion proposal. The NIRB is confirming that the Technical Meeting will be held *via teleconference* from **December 1, 2015 to December 2, 2015**.

The objective of the Technical Meeting would be to clarify and resolve technical issues in the Addendum; and to facilitate informal discussions between the Proponent and interested parties on technical matters related to the Vault Pit Expansion proposal. The Technical Meeting will be kept as informal as possible in an effort to resolve technical issues prior to the submission of technical review comments due December 4, 2015 by interested parties. This meeting will be facilitated by the NIRB staff, with participation by the Proponent, responsible authorities and interested parties. During the Technical Meeting, the NIRB staff will compile a list of commitments made by the Proponent regarding revisions and updates to the Addendum submission. The list of commitments will then be provided to the Proponent for its review and response. At this point, the NIRB will determine if a Hearing can be announced after establishing that there are no outstanding issues that would limit the Board's ability to make a decision on the proposal.

Further details on the arrangements to be made for the Technical Meeting along with a draft agenda will be circulated by the NIRB a few weeks prior to the Technical Meeting. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the ordering of discussion items prior to finalizing the agenda.

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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