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**Re: Technical Comments received from Parties regarding AEM's Vault Pit Expansion proposal for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project**

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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) proposed Vault Pit Expansion to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107). Following the receipt of AEM's response to the Information Requests on October 1, 2015 the NIRB invited interested parties to provide the Board with their technical review comments regarding the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Vault Pit Expansion proposal by December 4, 2015.

On or before December 8, 2015 the NIRB received technical review comment submissions from the following parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
- Government of Nunavut
- Government of Canada including:
  - Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (now Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada)
  - Environment Canada
  - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
  - Natural Resources Canada

All technical review comments received by the Board can be accessed online at the NIRB's public registry using 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/04-TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/>.

The Board respectfully requests that AEM review all submissions as available via the NIRB's online public registry and provide a response to the technical review comments in order to facilitate the development of parties' final written submissions. The response should outline AEM's understanding of the issues raised in the technical comments and its proposed plans to address and resolve the issues and related concerns, including a draft list of commitments if possible. The NIRB requests that the response be provided to the NIRB by **Wednesday, December 23, 2015**.

Please direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or by fax at (867) 983-2594.

The NIRB would also like to note that correspondence will be released in the next few days announcing the date of the Public Hearing and providing details for interventions in the NIRB's reconsideration process of AEM's Vault Pit Expansion Proposal.

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](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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