

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has scheduled a Public Hearing to reconsider the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate [No. 004] under Section 12.8.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The Hearing will assess the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the Vault Pit Expansion proposal associated with the Meadowbank Gold Mine project (NIRB File No. 03MN107) proposed by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME*	SCHEDULE
Baker Lake, Community Hall	March 1, 2016	9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Technical Presentations Evening Session
	March 2, 2016	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Technical Presentations
	March 2, 2016	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Community Roundtable and Closing Statements

^{*}NOTE: The NIRB may, in its discretion, extend any day session into an evening session if required.

Information:

All information filed for this reconsideration can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at the following location:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/05-AMENDMENTS/02-VAULT%20EXPANSION-CONDITION%2048/.

Procedure:

The Public Hearing and the form and content of written submissions will be guided by the *NIRB Rules of Procedure*, and any project-specific guidance provided by the Board. All proceedings will be open to the public and media, and will be conducted with simultaneous English-Inuktitut interpretation, and, upon advance request, English-French interpretation. Media who wish to attend the Public Hearing are asked to advise the Board in advance and identify themselves as members of the media when present.

Participation:

Parties wishing to participate as formal intervenors must submit a completed Intervenor Application (available from the NIRB) by **December 23, 2015**. Written comments to be considered at the Public Hearing must be received by the NIRB by **February 12, 2016**. During the Public Hearing any person who wishes to express their views may register with the Board on the day of the Hearing to share their spoken comments and questions during the portions of the Hearing set aside to hear the views of the public.

Important Dates:

December 23, 2015: Deadline for applications for Intervenor Status

February 12, 2016: Deadline for final written submissions

February 22, 2016: Deadline for Proponent's response to parties' final written submissions

March 1-2, 2016: Public Hearing, Baker Lake

For more information, please contact the NIRB toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or via email at <u>info@nirb.ca</u>.