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Sent via email: [ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:ryan.vanengen@agnicoeagle.com)

**Re: NPC Determination and Referral Required for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal**

Dear Ryan Vanengen:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received information in support of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) "Whale Tail Pit" project proposal directly from Agnico Eagle on May 25, 2016. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Cover Letter*
- *Whale Tail Pit Project Description including an Executive Summary in English and Inuktitut*

While the proposal is related in scope to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No.: 03MN107) previously reviewed by the NIRB and allowed to proceed pursuant to Article 12 Part 5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (the NuPPAA) requires that a proponent of a project (to be carried out, in whole or in part, in the designated area) submit a proposal to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for review. The NIRB is unable to commence processing of this project proposal until it is sent to the NIRB directly by the NPC. The NIRB is aware that Agnico Eagle has initiated a review process with the NPC and awaits the outcome of the NPC's review.

The NIRB notes that, within the correspondence submitted, Agnico Eagle has requested that the NIRB carry out the assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Project proposal by way of a reconsideration of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 004, either pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.8.2 of the NLCA or pursuant to subsection 112(1) of the NuPPAA. Upon receipt of a project proposal from the NPC, the NIRB will commence the assessment of the project proposal in accordance with Part 3 of the NuPPAA. At that time, the NIRB will seek comments on Agnico Eagle's request for reconsideration from interested parties and regulatory

authorities for the Meadowbank Gold Project prior to determining whether the proposed changes warrant reconsideration of the existing Project Certificate in accordance with NLCA Section 12.8.2 or NuPPAA subsection 112(1).

In addition, upon receipt of the project proposal from the Commission, the NIRB will undertake a preliminary check of the information provided to ensure the proposal is complete. While the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the Board's consideration of the project proposal, to ensure your project proposal contains the required information it is recommended that the following accompany your project proposal:

- *NIRB's Online Application Form (formerly the NIRB Part 1 form in English)*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in Inuktitut*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*

The information as noted above should be submitted through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact the NIRB administration at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 857-2052 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission  
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Larry Connell, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board  
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
Tracey McCaie, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 Form in English, for reference only  
NIRB Part 1 Form in Inuktitut