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Sent via email: jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com

Re: <u>Information Requests received from Parties regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" Project Proposal, a Proposed Amendment to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project</u>

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On June 18, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided a Notice of Reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 004 under Section 12.8.2 of the Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) and under s. 112 of Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle, or Proponent) proposed "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" project (the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Proposal)¹. The Board requested that interested parties submit Information Requests (IR) to facilitate their technical review of the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Proposal by June 26, 2018.²

On or before July 3, 2018³ the NIRB received IR submissions from the following parties:

- Government of Canada
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada 5 IRs
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2 IRs
 - o Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada 5 IRs
 - Transport Canada 0 IRs
 - Health Canada 0 IRs

¹ Public Registry ID: 316299

² Public Registry ID: 318239

³ Public Registry ID: 318390

The NIRB notes that IRs from Natural Resources Canada are expected on July 9, 2018 and the NIRB will forward these IRs to the Proponent once they are received.

All submissions are available from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Meadowbank Gold Project

NIRB File No.: 03MN107Application No.: 124588

Document Id No.: 318542, 318546, 318547, 318551, and 318552

The NIRB hereby requests that Agnico Eagle respond to the IRs to facilitate parties' technical review of the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Proposal and subsequent development of final written submissions.

When preparing its IR Response package, the NIRB recommends that the Proponent consult with parties as necessary to ensure the information to be provided meets the expectations of reviewers moving forward. The Board respectfully requests that TMAC review all submissions as available via the NIRB's online public registry and provide the NIRB with its IR Response Package, on or before **July 10, 2018**.

Please direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or through the online public registry at <u>www.nirb.ca</u>.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" proposal, please contact the undersigned by email at kgillard@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,

Kelli Gillard

Acting Director, Technical Services

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Meadowbank Distribution List

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