



NIRB File No.: 03MN107

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Jamie Quesnel
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Sent via email: jamie.quesnel@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Issuance of NIRB's Project Certificate No. 004 Amendment 003 for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meadowbank Gold Mine

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.5.12 and 12.8.3 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 112(10) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is pleased to issue the enclosed amended Project Certificate No. 004 (Amendment 3) for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107) to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle). The terms and conditions of the enclosed amended Project Certificate have been formally reconsidered by the NIRB pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* Section 12.8.2 and the *NuPPAA* s. 112 to address the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic effects of the application and as recommended by the Responsible Ministers' notice (dated November 27, 2018) accepting the NIRB's Reconsideration Report and Recommendations¹ regarding Agnico Eagle's In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification Proposal.

The NIRB would like to thank all parties who participated during the reconsideration process for Project Certificate No. 004, and for identifying clarifications to commentary prior to the finalization of the amended Project Certificate by the Board. For the information of all parties, the NIRB has produced a companion document to the Project Certificate which identifies through highlighted text and in tracked changes format all revisions made to the November 30, 2018 draft Project Certificate (enclosed). The Project Certificate and all documents associated with the Review process can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125253.

¹ Public Registry ID: 319637

The NIRB will continue to monitor the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project in accordance with Part 7, Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135 of the *NuPPAA*, and in accordance with the enclosed amended Project Certificate terms and conditions; and in accordance with Appendix D of Project Certificate No. 004.

The NIRB looks forward to working with Agnico Eagle and all parties to ensure that the enclosed Project Certificate is fully implemented and achieves the identified objectives. If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the amended Project Certificate, please contact the NIRB's acting Executive Director, Tara Arko directly at (867) 983-4611 or via email at tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (2): *Amended* NIRB Project Certificate No. 004 (NIRB File No. 03MN107, dated December 21, 2018)
Amended NIRB Project Certificate No. 004 – *Companion Document*

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