

NWB File No: 2AM-MEA0815/ Amendment No. 2

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**Subject:** Notice of Type "A" Water Licence Amendment - 2AM-MEA0815

Dear Mr. Robert,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) letter of August 29, 2013 with respect to the invitation to Parties to make representations, the Board received written representations from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and Environment Canada (EC). The submissions have been placed on the Board's Public Registry and are available from the NWB ftp site using the following access (Username: *public* and Password: *registry*) and link:

ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815%20Agnico/2%20ADMIN/3%20SUBMISSIONS/

The Licensee is advised to review the above submissions as well as intervening parties' comments on the completeness review in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. During the Technical Meeting the Licensee and intervening parties will be required to provide PowerPoint presentations pertaining to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. AAEM) Type "A" water licence amendment application and the technical review submissions to the Board. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether or not the issues that they have identified have been or will be addressed by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) to their satisfaction prior to the Hearing. Intervening parties are requested to provide an executive summary of their interventions complete with Inuktitut translations to be made available at the meeting.

In its previous correspondence dated August 29, 2013, the Board directed the staff of the NWB to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Baker Lake the week of October 14, 2013. The NWB advises parties that **Wednesday**, **October 16**, **2013** and **Thursday**, **October 17**, **2013** are now set as dates for the **Technical Meeting** and **Pre-Hearing Conference** in the **Community Hall Baker Lake**, **Nunavut**.

Please find attached the proposed Agenda for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. As part of this Agenda the NWB is proposing to hold a community session the evening of **October 16, 2013** to allow residents of Baker Lake to express any views they may have about the Meadowbank Gold Project water licence amendment application and/or to ask any questions to the parties. The Licensee should be prepared to provide a summarized version of their PowerPoint presentation provided during the technical meeting. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of the presentation should be made available for distribution during the community session.

By copy of this letter, the Board is asking interested parties to provide comments on the proposed Agenda and to confirm their attendance at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference by <u>October 10, 2013.</u>

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties bring with them, copies of the amendment application and correspondence/submission (either hard copy or electronic) for reference, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the Public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Karen Kharatyan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at <a href="k.kharatyan@nunavutwaterboard.org">k.kharatyan@nunavutwaterboard.org</a>, or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services at (780) 443-4406 or by email at <a href="mailto:dts@nunavutwaterboard.org">dts@nunavutwaterboard.org</a> for any technical inquiries, or Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338, or by email <a href="mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org">licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org</a> for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

Damien Côté Executive Director

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

## MEDOWBANK GOLD PROJECT TYPE "A" WATER LICENCE AMENDMENT APPLICATION TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE OCTOBER 16-17, 2013

Technical Meeting
Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM

**Location: Baker Lake Community Hall** 

- 1. Introduction and Registration
- 2. Application to the board
- 3. Purpose of the Pre-Hearing / Technical Meting
  - a. Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. presentation on the current status of the Project
  - b. Identification of Interested Parties
  - c. Presentations from Interested parties
  - d. Formulation of Issues
  - e. Identification and Service of Documents to Parties (deadline, public registry, form)
  - f. Translation and the Record (language, transcripts)

Community Session
Date: October 16, 2013
Time: 19:00-21:00 PM

**Location: Baker Lake Community Hall** 

Pre-Hearing Conference Date: October 17, 2013

Time: 08:30 AM

**Location: Baker Lake Community Hall** 

- 1. Hearing
  - a. Date, Time and Location
  - b. Order of Events
  - c. Equipment
- 2. Other Issues
- 3. Closing of the Meeting