



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 11MN034**

AAND File No.: 5510-5-28
DFO File No.: NU-11-0014
EC File No.: 4703 001 014

July 8, 2011

TO: Luis Manzo, Director of Lands, KIA
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Sent Via Email

Re: Notice of Indication for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold Mine" Project Proposal, NIRB File No. 11MN034

Dear Parties:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold Mine" in the Kivalliq Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (b)** which states the following:

"The proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns which should be considered in such a review;"

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 11MN034, signed on July 8, 2011 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to the Minister of AAND.

As such, pursuant to Section 12.4.7 of the NLCA:

Where NIRB indicates to the Minister that a proposal requires review, the Minister shall:

- (a) where required, by law or otherwise, refer the proposal to the Minister of the Environment for review by a federal environmental assessment panel; such review shall include both socio-economic and ecosystemic impacts;*
- (b) where a proposal is not to be reviewed by a federal environmental assessment panel, refer the proposal to NIRB for a review of the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts in the Nunavut Settlement Area; or*
- (c) where the proposal is not in the national or regional interest, inform the proponent that the proposal should be abandoned or modified and resubmitted to NIRB to be dealt with in accordance with Section 12.4.4.*

Please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Director, Technical Services

cc: Larry Connell, AEM
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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 11MN034)