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Sent via email, fax and regular post

Re: Minister's Decision for Agnico-Eagle Mine Limited's "Meliadine Gold Mine" Project Proposal

Dear John Witteman and Parties:

On September 14, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed letter from the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (the Minister), regarding the NIRB's Screening Decision Report for Agnico-Eagle Mine Ltd.'s (AEM) "Meliadine Gold Mine" project proposal (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The Minister has accepted the Board's recommendation that the Meliadine Gold Mine project proposal requires a public review under Part 5 or 6 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), determining that the project proposal shall be subject to review by the NIRB in accordance with NLCA Article 12, Part 5.

The Minister also responded to the following issues of concern identified in the NIRB's Screening Decision Report for this file:

1. *Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "All-Weather Road Project"* – the Minister indicated that, should AEM choose to reapply for early development of an all-weather road to the Meliadine site, it would be essential that the mine proposal (i.e. project description) be updated to reflect the modified proposal. The Minister further noted that the discretion to consider and subsequently grant exceptions under NLCA 12.10.2 rests with the Board and should only be exercised after careful consideration.
2. *Potential Cumulative Effects of Increasing Mineral Development in the Kivalliq Region* – The Minister agreed that the cumulative ecosystemic and socio-economic effects resulting from the increasing levels of mineral development in the Kivalliq Region warranted special consideration, and further observed that in assessing cumulative impacts on caribou, it is essential that the scope of the Board's review include consideration of transboundary effects.

3. *Level of Information Currently Available in Support of the Project Proposal* – The Minister emphasized his support for ensuring that sufficient information was in place prior to commencing key stages in the review process.
4. *Availability of Participant Funding* – The Minister stated that, while funding has been provided for a limited number of complex projects in Nunavut on a case by case basis in the past, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) does not have an established participant funding program. As such, he was not in a position to provide participant funding for the review at this time.

The NIRB's staff will be in contact with AEM in the coming days to discuss potential requirements for an updated project proposal as outlined above. The Board will also provide all parties with direction for the initial steps in the review process, including a timeline and draft scope for the review.

In closing, the Board requests that all parties review the attached distribution list (Appendix A) and notify the NIRB's staff at info@nirb.ca should any additions or changes be required.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please feel free to contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at kgillard@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,



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Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources
Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Attachment: Appendix A: Meliadine Project Distribution List

Enclosure: Minister of AAND Decision Re: AEM's Meliadine Gold Mine Project (September 14, 2011;
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