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Sent via Email: psuvega@gov.nu.ca

Re: Government of Nunavut's Comment Submission Regarding the Revised *Draft* Scope and *Draft* Guidelines for the NIRB's Review of AEM's Meliadine Gold Project

Dear Pauloosie Suvega:

On November 9, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) distributed the Revised *Draft* Scope (Scope) and *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines) for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meliadine Gold project proposal (the Project) to its Meliadine project-specific distribution list.

By copy of the covering letter, the NIRB requested that interested parties review the Guidelines and Scope and provide comments to the NIRB based on areas of jurisdiction and/or expertise before December 8, 2011. The Board requested that any such comments be submitted to the NIRB's Environmental Administrators by email to info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

It has come to our attention that due to an administrative error, the comments submitted by the Government of Nunavut (GN) on December 8, 2011 were mistakenly overlooked in the NIRB's preparation and subsequent release of the Revised *Draft* Guidelines and Final Scope for the Project on December 15, 2011.

Please be advised that the NIRB will take the GN's December 8, 2011 comment submission under advisement in finalizing the Guidelines. The Board looks forward to receiving comments from the GN pertaining to the Revised *Draft* EIS Guidelines and the upcoming EIS Guidelines development workshop, due **January 20, 2012**.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me via email at ahanson@nirb.ca or by telephone at (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Hanson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Amanda Hanson
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Mark Thompson, GN – Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs
John Price, GN – Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs
Meliadine Distribution List