



NIRB File No. 11MN034

January 27, 2012

To: Meliadine Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Draft Agenda for the EIS Guidelines Development Workshop for the NIRB's Review of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold Mine" project

Dear Parties:

On January 31 and February 1, 2012 staff of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) will be facilitating a workshop in Rankin Inlet in order to further the development of the Board's Guidelines for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Meliadine Gold project (Project). The objective of the workshop is to bring together parties with technical expertise or those with jurisdictional responsibility to authorize the Project in order to ensure an informed NIRB process and to enable the finalization of the EIS Guidelines for the Meliadine Gold project. A draft agenda and list of confirmed representatives by agency has been provided in Appendix A.

On December 16, 2011 the NIRB distributed a request for public comments and advice on the Revised *Draft* Guidelines for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Meliadine Gold Mine project. On or before January 20, 2012 the NIRB received comments from the following parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut (consolidated response)
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada

All comment submissions have been uploaded to the NIRB's online public registry and are available from the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20&%20GUIDELINES/>

The NIRB thanks all parties for their timely participation in the Review of the Project. We look forward to a successful workshop and the continued cooperation of all interested parties throughout the Board's Review of this file.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold Mine project, please contact me directly at kgillard@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Gillard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelli" and last name "Gillard" clearly legible.

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Attached: Appendix A: Draft Agenda

APPENDIX A
DRAFT AGENDA

EIS Guidelines Development Workshop for the NIRB Review
of the Meliadine Gold Project
Siiniktarvik Hotel, Rankin Inlet, NU
January 31 – February 1, 2012

Objective:

- Bring together parties with jurisdictional authority over the project and/or with technical expertise to offer to the NIRB in its development of EIS Guidelines.
- Resolve outstanding issues pertaining to the Revised Draft EIS Guidelines prior to finalization by the Board.

Notes:

- The workshop will be facilitated by NIRB staff and chaired by Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director.
- Any parties intending to provide handout materials are asked to bring adequate copies for all participants and Inuktitut translations of any printed materials. Electronic copies should also be provided to the NIRB for upload to its public registry.
- Each party will be provided with an opportunity to speak to each agenda item in an ordered fashion. Time limits will be implemented as necessary.
- Simultaneous English-Inuktitut interpretation will be available.
- Seating at the table for each organization during the workshop discussions will be limited; parties are encouraged to switch representatives to coincide with agenda topics as necessary.

Tuesday January 31, 2012 (Morning & Afternoon)

- 1 NIRB Introduction & Opening Remarks
- 2 AEM Presentation: Change in Scope
- 3 Preparation and Review of the EIS (Guidelines Sections 1.3 & 7.7)
 - a. Information Expectations at DEIS vs. FEIS stage
 - b. Length of main EIS to include relevant studies and supporting information

10:15-10:30 Health Break

- 4 Regulatory Regime & Socio-Economic Environment and Impact Assessment (Guidelines Section 5.2, 8.2.5.1 & 8.2.5.2)
 - a. Inclusion of Project tax-related obligations in the EIS Guidelines
 - b. Inclusion of tax revenue at Federal and Territorial levels, anticipated royalties to NTI
 - c. Inclusion of fuel tax, property tax, payroll tax, personal income tax, and corporate income tax information
- 5 Marine Shipping (Guidelines Section 6.6)
 - a. Extension of the assessment of project shipping activity outside the LSA
- 6 Baseline Information Collection (Guidelines Section 7.3)
 - a. Inclusion of potential changes to baseline conditions resulting from possible construction of Phase 1 road development in requirement for baseline information contained in NIRB's EIS Guidelines

12:00-1:00 Break for Lunch

- 7 Valued Ecosystem and Socio-Economic Ecosystem Components (Guidelines Sections 7.6 & 8.1)
 - a. Inclusion of crime and increased emphasis on project implications to housing needs
 - b. Selection of appropriate VECs and VSECs for inclusion within the EIS (addition/removal)
 - c. Inclusions to baseline air quality information requirements vs. baseline data collection
- 8 Climate Change (Guidelines Section 7.10)
 - a. Climate change scenarios to be included within the scope of the project

- 9 Biophysical Environment and Impact Assessment (Guidelines Sections 8.1)
 - a. Inclusion of marine birds throughout impact assessment
 - b. Inclusion of information and discussion pertaining to potential impacts to traditional food sources (i.e. country foods)

3:30-3:45 Health Break

- 10 Biophysical Environment and Impact Assessment (Guidelines Sections 8.1)
 - a. Inclusion of marine birds throughout impact assessment
 - b. Inclusion of information and discussion pertaining to potential impacts to traditional food sources (i.e. country foods)
- 11 Socio-Economic Environment and Impact Assessment (Guidelines Section 8.2)
 - a. Include consideration of electric and magnetic field effects
- 12 Biophysical Environmental Plans (Guidelines Section 9.4)
 - a. Inclusion of No Net Loss Plan for Tailings Impoundment Area
- 13 NIRB Closing Remarks and Outline of Next Steps

Wednesday February 1, 2012 (Morning only)

- 1 NIRB Opening Remarks & Re-cap Previous Day
- 2 Outstanding Issues for discussion

10:15-10:30 Health Break

- 3 Questions related to the Board's 12.10.2 consideration
- 4 NIRB Closing Remarks and next steps

Confirmed Workshop Attendees

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM)

- Larry Connell
- John Witteman
- Dan Walker
- Chantal Rossignol

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI)

- 1 attendee

Kivalliq Inuit Association

- 3 attendees

Government of Nunavut

- Pauloosie Suvega
- John Price
- Dianne Lapierre
- Jean Daniel Blouin
- Milissa Elliott

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

- Roseanne D'Orazio
- Tamara Fast

Environment Canada

- Allison Dunn

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- 1 attendee