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Via email: stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com

RE: NIRB Response to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Clarification of Scope for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project

Dear Stéphane Robert:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from Agnico-Eagle Gold Mines (AEM) on both February 13 and February 19, 2013 which provided clarification with regard to the Scope of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (the Project) currently under Review by the Board (File No. 11MN034).

AEM's February 13, 2013 correspondence to the NIRB requested that the development, construction, operation, decommissioning, reclamation and post-closure monitoring of the Pump and Discovery Deposits be included within the Scope of the Project and further confirmed that the additional deposits would include open pit mines, waste rock storage areas, associated access and haul roads, water management structures and other supporting infrastructure.

On February 19, 2013 the NIRB received additional correspondence from AEM which further clarified the Scope for the Project to include the haul road between the proposed Tiriganiaq mill site and the Discovery deposit site, including all stages of development, operation and decommissioning of the access and ore haul road between the two sites. AEM further indicated that the inclusion of a biopile treatment area to be sited within the B7 East waste rock storage pile adjacent to the proposed mine landfill site should be included within the Scope of the Meliadine Project.

The correspondence received by the NIRB as pertaining to AEM's clarified Scope for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project can be accessed via the NIRB's online registry at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/01-SCOPING/03-CORRESPONDENCE/>.

The NIRB is of the understanding that the addition of these Project components represents a change to the Scope of the Project as issued on February 20, 2012¹. The NIRB is therefore undertaking an internal review of the original Scope of the Project and the Guidelines for the Preparation of an EIS (EIS Guidelines) that were originally issued to AEM on February 20, 2012 in order to determine what additional guidance and/or information may be needed to supplement the original EIS Guidelines. This review is required in order to ensure that AEM has the information necessary to present adequate detail regarding the additional Project components within its Draft EIS re-submission for the Meliadine Project.

The NIRB anticipates providing AEM with additional guidance and/or information to supplement the original EIS Guidelines by **March 7, 2013**.

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

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Meliadine Distribution List

¹ Guidelines for the Proponent's Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Project, Appendix B (February 20, 2012) available at: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/02-EIS%20GUIDELINES/04-FINAL/>.