



**NIRB File No.: 11MN034**

March 18, 2013

To: Meliadine Distribution List

*Sent via Email*

**RE: Anticipated Submission of a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the NIRB's Review of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Mine Project**

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Dear Parties:

On January 28, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) formally acknowledged receipt of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM or Proponent) *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submission for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The Board initiated an internal review of the DEIS to determine whether or not it conformed to the EIS Guidelines issued to AEM on February 20, 2012<sup>1</sup>. Following this internal review, the NIRB issued correspondence to AEM on February 11, 2013 which indicated that the DEIS did not conform to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines and requested that additional information be provided to address the deficiencies identified during the Board's conformity Review as well as clarification to the scope of the Meliadine project.

On February 13 and 19, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from AEM which clarified the Scope of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project. On February 26, 2013 the NIRB acknowledged the clarification to the project scope, and on March 6, 2013<sup>2</sup> the Board issued correspondence with supplemental information to the guidelines.

On March 11, 2013 the NIRB received the enclosed correspondence from AEM which indicated that it would provide a more precise date for the anticipated submission of its revised DEIS to the Board on March 28, 2013. AEM also indicated that it estimates that its revised DEIS will be ready for submission to the Board mid-April of the current year.

For the information of parties, the NIRB anticipates it would require approximately 15 days to conduct an internal review of AEM's revised DEIS submission in order to determine whether the materials address the provisions of the NIRB's EIS Guidelines, the supplemental information

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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. Meliadine Gold Mine Project (*February 20, 2012*)

<sup>2</sup> Supplemental Information to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines Issued in response to Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Scope change for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (*March 6, 2013*)

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provided on March 6, 2013, and the deficiencies identified by the NIRB's initial conformity determination. Once the internal conformity review is completed, should the Board determine that the revised DEIS submission conforms to the EIS Guidelines and the outstanding requirements as identified on February 11, 2013, the NIRB would accept AEM's DEIS submission, provide an updated process map, and commence the technical review period, inviting parties to submit information requests (IRs) within a 30 day period.

In preparation for the submission of AEM's revised DEIS and commencement of next steps in the Review, the NIRB notes that a number of agencies notified the NIRB in March 2012 of their requirement for copies (electronic and/or print) of the DEIS. Recognizing that some time has passed, the NIRB would like to offer parties an opportunity to provide an update with respect to requirements. If there are any updates or additions to the request or contact persons previously provided, please advise our office via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) by **March 28, 2013**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold project, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc:                   Stephane Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

Enclosed:          AEM letter to the NIRB indicating anticipated date of DEIS resubmission (March 11, 2013)

Attached:          Appendix A: DEIS Copies Request List

Hard copy of Meliadine Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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