



**NIRB File No.: 11MN034**

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*Sent via email: [stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com)*

**Re: NIRB Receipt of Final EIS Submission for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project proposal**

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Dear Stephane Robert:

On May 6, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a hard copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) submission from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Proponent) for its proposed Meliadine Gold Project (the Project).

The Board has commenced an internal review of the Final EIS submission for compliance with the NIRB's previously issued EIS Guidelines<sup>1</sup> and Preliminary Hearing Conference Decision<sup>2</sup> (PHC Decision). This compliance review is a presence or absence analysis and is not intended to evaluate the quality of the information presented.

If the Final EIS submission is deemed to be in compliance with the Board's PHC Decision, the NIRB is anticipating distribution of the submission to the public and the commencement of a technical review period. This technical review period will provide interested parties with an opportunity to review the quality of the new and/or revised information and evidence as presented within the Final EIS and provide the NIRB with comments and advice in advance of a Final Hearing for this Review. Further details regarding the next steps and associated scheduling for the NIRB's Review of the Project will be forthcoming with the results of the Board's compliance review.

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<sup>1</sup> NIRB Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034), issued February 20, 2012.

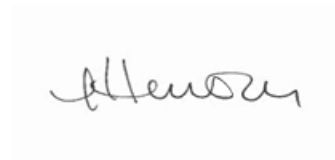
<sup>2</sup> NIRB Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Meliadine Gold Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034) Proposed by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., issued January 16, 2014.

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The Board anticipates completion of this compliance review, and an indication on the acceptability of the Final EIS submission, to be released on or before **May 21, 2014**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or via email at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Hanson', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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cc: Meliadine Distribution List  
Larry Connell, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
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