



**NIRB File No. 11MN034**

June 4, 2014

Meliadine Distribution List

*Sent via Email*

**Re: Notice of Final Hearing and Intervenor Application Deadline for the NIRB's Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Project Proposal**

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Dear Parties:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Hearing for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meliadine project proposal (NIRB File No. 11MN034). Please note that formal notice will also be appearing in local newspapers in the coming weeks in English, French and Inuktitut. A copy of the notice has also been posted online to the NIRB's online public registry and can be accessed using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/10-FINAL%20HEARING/02-NOTICES/>.

### ***Dates of Final Hearing***

As stated in its Pre-Hearing Conference Decision, the Board, in consultation with community members, parties and the Proponent, decided that the Final Hearing would be held in the community of Rankin Inlet during the month of August, and would involve a combination of technical and non-technical sessions. Through the last several weeks, the NIRB has worked with the community of Rankin Inlet to determine acceptable dates and secure an appropriate venue and associated logistics for this event. The NIRB is pleased to announce the following schedule for the Final Hearing for this Review:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE
Rankin Inlet, Community Hall	August 21	9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Technical Presentations
	August 22	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Technical Presentations
	August 23	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Site Visit
	August 25	9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Community Roundtable
	August 26	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Community Roundtable
	August 27	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Statements

While the agenda for the Final Hearing will be circulated to all parties in advance and may be adjusted as necessary at the discretion of the NIRB's Chairperson, the schedule for these proceedings has been arranged such that the first portion of the Final Hearing will consist of formal proceedings, including technical presentations, while the latter portion will allow for more directed community engagement through community roundtable sessions. Both the technical and community portions will include an evening session designed to ensure members of the community also have adequate opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours.

Please be advised that the Board will provide additional details with respect to a planned site visit to the Meliadine Gold project area, a minimum of 30 days prior to the Final Hearing.

### ***Final Hearing Logistics & Details***

The Final Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure<sup>1</sup>, as determined in the Board's PHC Decision. Proceedings will be facilitated by the NIRB's Board Members, with support from NIRB staff and legal counsel as required. A stenographer will be brought to the hearing venue to record an official transcript, and simultaneous English and Inuktitut interpretation will be provided through all proceedings, while French interpretation may also be provided upon request if necessary. A copy of the full public registry will be brought to the hearing venue and made publically available during proceedings.

### ***Intervenor Status***

The enclosed Notice of Hearing provides direction to parties wishing to apply for formal intervenor status for the hearing proceedings. For the benefit of all the parties we are providing the following additional information:

1. Under the Board's Rules of Procedure<sup>2</sup> (September 2009) (the "Rules"), s. 22.1 authorizing agencies<sup>3</sup> have full standing throughout the Review and are NOT required to file a request to be granted intervenor status.

<sup>1</sup> NIRB Rules of Procedure (September, 2009) are available from the NIRB's online registry from the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/06-RULES/>.

<sup>2</sup> Available online at the following location: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/06-RULES/>

<sup>3</sup> Defined under s. 2.1 of the Rules to include any Canadian or Nunavut government department or agency, Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) or any other body that has the authority to issue a permit, lease, licence or grant approval to a proponent to conduct some physical work or physical activity in relation to a project proposal.

2. Part 22 of the Rules also recognizes that there may be parties who have not been involved throughout the Review, but who may, upon receiving the formal Notice of Hearing determine that they wish to apply for intervenor status at the Hearing. For these potential intervenors, the Board requires the completion of an Application Form to request intervenor status (**enclosed**) to be filed with the Board on or before **June 23, 2014**.
3. The Board will review and consider completed Application Forms and may:
  - a. circulate the Application with a request for comments;
  - b. decide that more information is required or request that the Application be modified as directed by the Board;
  - c. decide that the intervention request is not granted because the submission is frivolous, vexatious or of little merit; or
  - d. grant the intervention request and notify all parties of that decision.
4. Given the approaching Final Hearing and the desire for all parties to have adequate notice and time to prepare for their participation, the Board will endeavour to take the steps outlined in Item 3 as promptly as possible and expects to make its determination and issue a letter accepting or rejecting any of the intervention requests received on or before **July 2, 2014**.
5. All authorizing agencies and parties granted intervenor status will have until **July 21, 2014** to file their written submissions for the Final Hearing with the NIRB.

### ***Summary***

In closing, as we move closer to the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine project, the Board thanks all parties for their continued active engagement in the review process. Additional details regarding the Hearing will be provided as they become available.

As a reminder to all parties, the NIRB will accept applications for Intervenor Status until **5:00 pm MT, Monday June 23, 2014**.

The NIRB reminds all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **5:00 pm MT, Monday July 21, 2014**.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing for the Meliadine project, including the NIRB's Rules of Procedure and intervenor status applications, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4608 or via email at [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Larry Connell, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Stephane Robert, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

Enclosed: Notice of Public Hearing (*May 30, 2014*)  
Application Form Requesting Intervenor Status (English and Inuktitut)