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Meliadine Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Logistical Information for the Upcoming Final Public Hearing for the NIRB's Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold project

Dear Parties:

As indicated via correspondence to this distribution list on May 30, 2014, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has provided notice of the upcoming Public Hearing for its Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meliadine Gold project (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The NIRB is now in a position to provide additional logistical information for the benefit of parties to the Review, and to facilitate the NIRB's preparations for the upcoming Final Hearing to be held in Rankin Inlet August 21-27, 2014.

Public Awareness and Community Engagement

To promote public awareness and meaningful participation at the upcoming Hearing, the NIRB will be organizing additional community information sessions in Rankin Inlet prior to the Final Hearing. These sessions are meant to inform residents about the opportunity to participate in the NIRB's Final Hearing proceedings and details will be released with advance notice prior to the meetings.

The NIRB will invite up to five (5) representatives from each of the following communities to attend the Hearing in Rankin Inlet and will set about soliciting representative's participation in the coming weeks:

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| ▪ Arviat | ▪ Repulse Bay |
| ▪ Baker Lake | ▪ Whale Cove |
| ▪ Chesterfield Inlet | |
| ▪ Coral Harbour | |

The NIRB is prepared to cover the costs of travel, accommodations and meals for these community representatives to support their attendance and participation in the Public Hearing. The Board will be requesting the nomination of community representatives from Hamlet Councils, Hunters & Trappers Organizations and other community groups in order to encourage representation that is inclusive of a variety of demographics which includes, but is not limited to, Inuit harvesters, women, youth and Elders.

The community of Rankin Inlet and various community groups will also be invited to attend the Public Hearing, though the NIRB will not provide any funds for local residents who choose to participate in the Hearing.

Hotel Accommodations

The NIRB currently has hotel accommodations reserved in Rankin Inlet at the Katimavik Suites, Turaarvik Inns North, and the Siniktarvik Hotel in order to facilitate participation by responsible authorities, agencies, and organizations planning to be in attendance at the Final Hearing.

Given that the availability of hotel beds in Rankin Inlet may be somewhat limited, the NIRB will do its best to distribute available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. If accommodations become fully booked, the Board will also assist parties where required and/or requested, with securing billet accommodations. Parties are hereby requested to notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca regarding their interest in securing hotel beds as soon as possible. Reservations for individual hotel beds will be transferred from the NIRB to the attendee, who will be responsible for assuming associated costs. The NIRB will release any remaining unrequested hotel beds from our group reservations by **5:00 pm Thursday, July 10, 2014**.

Media Access to the Final Hearing

The Board is in support of ensuring that there is a full and fair historical record of the proceedings that is readily accessible to all. However, the Board is also concerned with ensuring that the participants at the Final Hearing are not unduly limited in their willingness and ability to participate fully if recordings should become intrusive or disruptive.

As such, the NIRB would like to request that all media outlets that wish to record proceedings during the Public Hearing (film, photograph, audio) request media access from the Board on or before **5:00 pm MT Thursday July 10, 2014**.

Translation/Interpretation Requirements

On May 21, 2014 the NIRB indicated that the Final Hearing proceedings would be conducted in Inuktitut and English using simultaneous interpretation, and that simultaneous interpretation in French would be made available upon request. The NIRB requests that any parties requiring French interpretation to be made available for the Final Hearing indicate this to the NIRB by **5:00 pm MT Thursday July 10, 2014**.

Additionally, those who require special audio-visual equipment at the Hearing are requested to inform the NIRB and to specify the nature of equipment required in order that adequate arrangements can be made on or by **5:00 pm MT Thursday July 10, 2014**.

Summary

In closing, as we move closer to the Final Public Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold project, the Board thanks all parties for their support and encourages their continued active engagement in the review process.

Parties are requested to notify the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or by fax at **(867) 983-2594** on or before **5:00 pm MT Thursday July 10, 2014** regarding the following:

1. Expression of interest in securing hotel accommodations in Rankin Inlet (please provide numbers and genders of individuals);
2. Indicate whether French interpretation and/or special audio-visual equipment will be required at the Public Hearing (indicate which audio-visual equipment will be required); and,
3. Requests for access from media outlets to record Hearing proceedings (film, photograph, audio).

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to next steps in the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold Project, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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