



NIRB File No.: 11MN034

August 11, 2014

To: Meliadine Gold Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Agenda for the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

Dear Parties,

On August 1, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a draft agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing for its Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM or the Proponent) proposed Meliadine Gold Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034), requesting that interested parties review the document and provide the Board with their comments by August 8, 2014.

Comments regarding the agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing have now been received from Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. These submissions can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/10-FINAL%20HEARING/01-CORRESPONDENCE/>

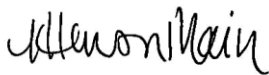
The Board has now revised the draft agenda, incorporating comments received from parties and accommodating for requested presentation times where possible. A finalized agenda for the Final Hearing has been attached as Appendix A to this letter and is provided now for the information of all parties. Please be advised that the NIRB will provide print copies of the agenda in both English and Inuktitut at the Hearing venue.

As a reminder, the NIRB previously requested that all parties confirm planned attendance at the Final Hearing, and identify the name(s) of individuals to be presenting evidence (technical presentations) to the Board. For those individuals providing information to the Board as technical experts, we request that Intervenors also provide a written summary of those experts qualifications and experience. We request that this information be provided to the NIRB no later than **Friday August 15, 2014**.

The NIRB has also requested that all parties submit technical and summary presentations (in English and Inuktitut) to the NIRB staff electronically in Microsoft PowerPoint format on or before **Friday August 15, 2014**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide presentation materials as requested, as the NIRB requires these materials to prepare packages for community roundtable participants.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the upcoming Hearing to be held as part of the Board's Review of the Meliadine Project, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attached: Appendix A: Meliadine Final Hearing Agenda

APPENDIX A: MELIADINE FINAL HEARING AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 11MN034 – Meliadine Gold project proposal

Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM)

Location: Community Hall, Rankin Inlet

Dates: August 21-27, 2014

Times: **All times given are approximate. The order of presenters and time given for presentations are subject to change at the Chairperson's discretion during the Hearing:**

Technical Sessions: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Community Roundtable Sessions: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Evening Sessions: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Note (1): Witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenor will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Panels of witnesses may be used for the presentation of evidence.

Note (2): All testimony will be recorded and transcribed by the Board, and may also be recorded by the media.

Thursday August 21, 2014 – Day 1 (includes scheduled evening session)

General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson with introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. *(30 minutes)*
2. Identification of motions or objections

Technical session

3. Swearing in/affirmation of Proponent's witnesses and marking of exhibits
4. Presentations by the Proponent - Note: time for questions by Board Members and Intervenor will be provided following presentations (b) – (f):
 - a. Introduction & Overview *(30 minutes)*
 - b. Atmospheric Environment *(40 minutes)*
 - c. Terrestrial Environment *(50 minutes)*
 - d. Freshwater Environment *(40 minutes)*
 - e. Marine Environment *(40 minutes)*
 - f. Socio-Economics and Human Health *(60 minutes)*

5. Presentations from registered Intervenor – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenor will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted 20 minutes for their presentations. Following each Intervenor’s presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenor and the Proponent.
 - a. Kivalliq Inuit Association (20 minutes)
 - b. Government of Nunavut (40 minutes)
 - c. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (20 minutes)
6. Close of Day 1

Friday August 22, 2014 – Day 2

Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

7. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
8. Presentations from registered Intervenor – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenor will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted 20 minutes for their presentations. Following each Intervenor’s presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenor and the Proponent. :
 - d. Environment Canada (30 minutes)
 - e. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (40 minutes)
 - f. Natural Resources Canada (20 minutes)
 - g. Transport Canada (20 minutes)
 - h. Aqiggiq Hunters and Trappers Organization (20 minutes)
 - i. Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (20 minutes)
 - j. Kivalliq Wildlife Board (20 minutes)
9. Close of Day 2

Saturday August 23, 2014 – Day 3

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Site Visit at proposed Meliadine Gold Project

10. Registered participants to take part via bus tours departing from the Rankin Inlet Community Hall at 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Each tour to involve stops and explanations from AEM personnel at the following locations:
 - Along the all-weather access road at the Meliadine Bridge;

- At the intersection of the existing all-weather access road and the proposed Discovery Road;
- Near the existing portal facility;
- Near the existing waste dump; and,
- At the existing exploration camp.

Monday August 25, 2014 – Day 4 (includes scheduled evening session)

Follow Up Information/Questions Resulting From Site Visit on August 23

11. Identification by any parties or the Board of follow up information submissions, questions or other matters resulting from the Site Visit

Community Roundtable Session

12. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
13. Presentation by the Proponent – Introduction and Overview (*20 minutes*)
14. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **All-Weather Access Road** (*25 minutes*)
15. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenors by community representatives
16. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
17. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Meliadine Mine sites** (*25 minutes*)
18. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenors by community representatives
19. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
20. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Rankin Inlet facilities and marine shipping** (*25 minutes*)
21. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenors by community representatives
22. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
23. Presentations by Intervenors. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by community representatives and members of the public. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted 15-20 minutes for their presentations:
 - a. Kivalliq Inuit Association
 - b. Government of Nunavut (*30 minutes*)
 - c. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
24. Close of Day 4

Tuesday August 26, 2014 – Day 5

General Opening

25. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session

26. Questioning of the Proponent by community members – *continued*
27. Presentations by Intervenors – *continued*. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by community representatives and members of the public. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted 15-20 minutes for their presentations:
 - d. Environment Canada
 - e. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - f. Natural Resources Canada
 - g. Transport Canada
 - h. Aqiggiq Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - i. Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - j. Kivalliq Wildlife Board
28. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members
29. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
30. Closing remarks from the designated representative from each community in the Community Roundtable (*5 minutes for each community*)
31. Close of Day 5

Wednesday August 27, 2014 – Day 6 (morning session)

32. Opening Remarks by Chairperson
33. Closing Remarks (2 hours)
34. Close of Day 6 - Note: While the agenda has been set to close the Hearing at the end of the morning session on Day 6, parties are advised that the agenda may be subject to change and that the Hearing may extend into the afternoon and/or evening of Day 6 if required.