

NIRB File No.: 11MN034

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Re: Final Hearing Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project

Dear Bernard Valcourt:

As required under Article 12, Section 12.5.6 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA) please find enclosed the Final Hearing Report of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project Proposal, NIRB File No.: 11MN034 (the Meliadine Gold Project). The enclosed Final Hearing Report contains the NIRB's assessment of the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic effects of the Meliadine Gold Project and concludes that the Project should proceed. Having concluded that the Project should be allowed to proceed, the NIRB has also provided recommended Terms and Conditions for the Project consistent with the objectives set out in Section 12.2.5 of the NLCA.

The Board provides this Report and recommended Terms and Conditions for your consideration and decision under Article 12, Section 12.5.7 of the NLCA.

Translated versions of the Final Hearing Report are being prepared in Inuktitut and French, and will be available as soon as possible. Please contact the undersigned in writing if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland

Chairperson

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources
The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport
David Ningeonan, President, Kivalliq Inuit Association
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The Honourable Peter Taptuna, Premier, Nunavut
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Meliadine Distribution List