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Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com

Re: NIRB Project Certificate No. 006 for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Mine Project

Dear Mr. Stéphane Robert:

Pursuant to Section 12.5.12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is pleased to issue the enclosed Project Certificate [No. 006] for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (AEM).

The NIRB would like to thank the parties that provided input regarding planned implementation of terms and conditions from the NIRB's Final Hearing Report, as well as noting useful clarification on the February 3, 2015 *draft* Project Certificate, prior to finalization by the Board. For the information of all parties, the NIRB has produced a companion document to the *draft* Project Certificate which identifies changes made as a result of the project certificate workshop held via teleconference on February 23-24, 2015; the Project Certificate and related background materials can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at the following address:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/12-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/>

The NIRB's role is now to monitor the Meliadine Gold Mine Project in accordance with Part 7 of the NLCA; the Board intends to appoint a Monitoring Officer to monitor the Project in accordance with the enclosed Project Certificate terms and conditions. The NIRB's Monitoring Officer will serve as the lead contact for the NIRB on any project-specific coordination with other agencies as may be required.

The NIRB will now commence development of the framework for a project-specific monitoring program which, once complete, will be included as Appendix A to the Project Certificate. Please note that this framework cannot be issued in final form until key regulatory authorizations, including land use permits, water licenses, mineral leases, etc. are issued so that the monitoring program supplements and supports but does not duplicate the monitoring requirements in regulatory and land use instruments.

The NIRB expects to have its technical staff participate through all relevant licensing or permitting processes, including attending meetings and hearings as scheduled. The NIRB's technical staff will continue to be available to provide clarification regarding whether or not specific items have been addressed through the NIRB Review, and can assist with locating relevant information related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project from the NIRB's public registry.

The NIRB looks forward to working with AEM and all parties to ensure that the enclosed Project Certificate is fully implemented and achieves the identified objectives. If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the attached documents, please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Sean Boyd, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
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Enclosed: NIRB Project Certificate No. 006 (NIRB File No. 11MN034)