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May 10, 2018

Meliadine Gold Project Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Anticipated Timelines for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Consideration of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On April 6, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) initiated a formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 006 in light of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine" project proposal (the Saline Effluent Discharge Proposal), a proposed amendment to the approved Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The NIRB is providing the enclosed process map to parties to outline the anticipated timelines and next steps in the NIRB's reconsideration process.

The reconsideration process for the Saline Effluent Discharge Proposal will adhere to the NIRB's established Rules of Procedure,¹ while the Board will endeavor to accelerate the process where possible and appropriate given the focused scope of activities associated with the proposal. As part of the reconsideration process, the NIRB anticipates facilitating an in-person Public Hearing in the community of Rankin Inlet over two (2) days in September 2018. The Hearing is expected to include technical sessions and a focused community roundtable session with representation from community members in Rankin Inlet. Additional details regarding the Board's assessment of the proposed amendment to the Meliadine Project including final dates for a Public Hearing will be provided as they become available, following acceptance of the Proponent's forthcoming Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS Addendum).

Recognizing that the process and timelines for reviews of other project proposals may overlap with the assessment of this proposed amendment, the Board is endeavoring to provide this advance notice and clarity around next steps to facilitate planning by parties to enable their effective and timely participation in this assessment. Parties are advised that the NIRB may be

¹ NIRB *Rules of Procedure* (September 3, 2009), available at www.nirb.ca.

unable to entertain requests for extensions to timelines without also impacting the processes and associated timelines for other ongoing assessments.

Should you have questions regarding the NIRB's ongoing monitoring program for the Meliadine Project generally or the process associated with this proposed amendment specifically, please contact Kelli Gillard, Acting Director, Technical Services at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Enclosed: Process Map - Anticipated NIRB Process Re: "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine"