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Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold" Project 2017 Annual Report

Dear Jamie Quesnel:

On April 9, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) *Meliadine Gold Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report*. As per Section 12.7 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and the Meliadine Gold Mine Project Certificate [No. 006], the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring as related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034).

On April 10, 2018 the NIRB requested that interested parties review the Annual Report, and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the Annual Report were valid. Furthermore, parties were requested to comment on the Proponent's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project Certificate.

On or before May 22, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this Annual Report can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Meliadine Gold
- NIRB File No.: 11MN034
- Application No.: 124106

Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address these comments prior to the completion of the *NIRB Annual Monitoring Report for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project*, and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **June 13, 2018**. If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to provide a written response is significantly greater than three (3) weeks, the Board requests written notification as soon as possible with an anticipated date for submission.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4607 or sthompson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Meliadine Gold Distribution List
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