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Meliadine Gold Mine Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Logistics Information for Upcoming Public Hearing for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On June 22, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued its Notice of Hearing for the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle, or Proponent) "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine" proposal (NIRB File 11MN034; "the Saline Effluent Discharge Proposal"). The Public Hearing is being held to reconsider the terms and conditions of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 006, pursuant to Part 5 of Article 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and with s. 112 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*).

At this time, the NIRB would like to provide general logistics for the upcoming Public Hearing for this assessment, scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2018 in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut (process map enclosed). The Public Hearing will provide a public forum for discussion of those technical issues that have been identified, resolved, or which remain unresolved, as well as issues for which there is public concern, and other matters considered relevant to the NIRB's assessment of the Project.

All documentation associated with this project proposal, including the complete FEIS Addendum¹ is available online from the NIRB's public registry for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project at <http://www.nirb.ca/project/124106>.

PUBLIC HEARING

The NIRB's Public Hearing will involve a combination of technical and non-technical sessions, with the first portion of the proceedings consisting of formal proceedings and technical presentations, while the latter portion will allow for more directed community engagement

¹ Public Registry ID: 318246

through a community roundtable session. Evening sessions will be held to ensure members of the community are also afforded opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours. While the *draft* agenda for the Public Hearing will be circulated after receipt of the final written submissions, once finalized it may also be adjusted as necessary during the proceedings at the discretion of the NIRB's Chairperson.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through the coming weeks the NIRB will be soliciting up to five (5) representatives from the community of Rankin Inlet to attend the Public Hearing and share their community's comments and concerns on the proposed project. As the Hearing is a public event, any interested members of the public from Rankin Inlet will also be welcome to attend and participate during the community roundtable session.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The NIRB asks that all Parties provide sufficient representation during both the planned technical sessions and community roundtable portions of the Public Hearing to represent the parties' issues as well as respond to questions from community members.

A block of hotel accommodations are currently being held by the NIRB in Rankin Inlet at the Siniktarvik Hotel to facilitate participation by responsible authorities, organizations and other Intervenor at the upcoming Hearing, and is coordinating reservations. Intervenor should provide notice to the NIRB regarding which representatives will be attending the Public Hearing so that the reserved rooms can be released to parties.

Reservations for Intervenor are being held for the following organizations:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada

Given that the availability of hotel beds in Rankin Inlet may be limited, the NIRB has allocated available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. Reservations for individual hotel beds will be transferred from the NIRB to the planned attendee, who will be responsible for confirming the room and assuming associated costs. The NIRB will release any remaining unconfirmed hotel beds from our group reservation on **August 3, 2018**.

TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION REQUIREMENTS

The NIRB will conduct the Public Hearing proceedings in simultaneous English-Inuktitut interpretation, and upon advance request, English-French interpretation. The NIRB requests that any parties requiring French interpretation for the Hearing notify the NIRB by **August 3, 2018**.

Additionally, those who require special audio-visual equipment at the Hearing are requested to inform the NIRB by **August 3, 2018** and to specify the nature of equipment required to allow for the necessary arrangements to be made.

MEDIA ACCESS TO THE HEARING

The NIRB will arrange for court reporters to attend the Public Hearing to produce a transcript of the proceedings to ensure that there is a full and fair historical record that is readily accessible to all. The Board is also supportive of any planned efforts by public media outlets to cover the Public Hearing proceedings and will ensure that media representatives are granted sufficient access to the proceedings to report accurately. However, the Board must also ensure that the participants at the Public Hearing are not unduly limited in their willingness and ability to participate fully if recordings should become intrusive or disruptive. As such, the NIRB has established rules for recording of public hearings and other proceedings that it asks all media outlets to observe to assist in minimizing all such disruptions; a copy of these rules will be provided to any media outlet requesting media access for the Public Hearing proceedings.

The NIRB is requesting all media outlets that wish to record proceedings during the Public Hearing (film, photograph, audio) to request media access from the Board on or before **August 3, 2018**.

SUMMARY

In closing, as we move closer to the Public Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Saline Effluent Discharge Proposal, the Board thanks all parties for their support and encourages continued active engagement in the review process. Additional details regarding scheduling is enclosed and any final details will be communicated as they become available.

Once again, the NIRB requests that parties notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca on or before **5:00 pm Friday, August 3, 2018** regarding the following:

1. Expression of interest in securing hotel beds and/or billeted accommodations in Rankin Inlet;
2. Indicate whether French interpretation and/or special audio-visual equipment will be required at the Hearing (indicate which audio-visual equipment will be required).
3. Requests for access from media outlets to record Hearing proceedings (film, photograph, audio).

The NIRB would also like to remind all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **August 21, 2018**.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's consideration of the Saline Effluent Discharge Proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at sthompson@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shanley Thompson".

Shanley Thompson
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cc: Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
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Enclosed: NIRB Process Map (June 22, 2018)