



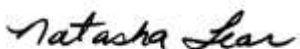
Dear Sirs and Madams:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs and other responsible Ministers for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit" project proposal in the Kivalliq Region, dated August 18, 2016.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that the **recommendation that the proposed project should undergo further assessment during a review** in accordance with Article 12, Section 12.4.4(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and s. 89(1)(a)(i) and (ii) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister as necessary.

Please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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