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Re: Request for the Baker Lake Deputy Mayor to Provide Opening Remarks at the Upcoming NIRB and NWB Pre-Hearing Conference, May 1 and May 2, 2017 in Baker Lake

Dear Deputy Mayor Charlie Tautuaqjuk:

As you are aware, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has scheduled a Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) in Baker Lake, Nunavut from May 1-2, 2017 as part of the NIRB's public Review of the "Whale Tail Pit" Project proposal (the Project) and the NWB's consideration of the associated Type "A" Water Licence Application (the Application) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle).

The two Boards would like to extend an invitation to the Deputy Mayor of Baker Lake to provide opening remarks at the start of the Pre-Hearing Conference at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Hall on **Monday, May 1, 2017**.

The upcoming Pre-Hearing Conference will allow members of the public, Inuit organizations, and government agencies to discuss the information presented by Agnico Eagle in its Whale Tail Pit Project proposal and how the proposed project would be expected to affect the environment and communities of the Kivalliq region. The NIRB and the NWB have invited community representatives from Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove, Nauyasat, Rankin Inlet, Coral Harbour, Arviat and the host community of Baker Lake to participate in these sessions.

We would appreciate the Deputy Mayor or an appropriate designate being available to provide brief opening remarks (5-10 minutes) to the meeting participants as well as welcoming all out of town guests to the community for the Pre-Hearing Conference.

A plain language summary of the proposed activities in English and Inuktitut has been enclosed with this letter.

In addition, all information pertaining to the NIRB's assessment can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following address www.nirb.ca and by using any of the following search criteria:

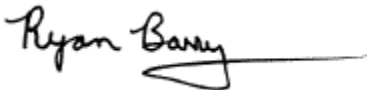
- Project Name: Whale Tail Pit Project
- NIRB File No.: 16MN056
- Application No.: 124683

All the information pertaining the NWB's consideration of the Type "A" Water Licence Application and associated documents for the Whale Tail Pit project can be accessed online from the NWB's online public registry at ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP----%20Agnico/.

If the Deputy Mayor or an appropriate designate will be available to provide opening remarks for the upcoming Pre-Hearing Conference, please confirm with our office by the end of **April 25, 2017** by contacting Tara Arko, Director, Technical Services via email at tarko@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4611.

The NIRB and the NWB appreciate your assistance in planning for this Pre-Hearing Conference, and we look forward to again visiting your community.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Karen Yip, Baker Lake
Stephanie Autut, Nunavut Water Board
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosure (3): Project Summary (English and Inuktitut)
Final Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda (English)