



Elizabeth Copeland, Chair, Nunavut Impact Review Board

Carolyn Bennett, Minister, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

RE: Proposed Whale Tail Mine

September 20, 2017

Dear Ms. Copeland and Ms. Bennett,

On behalf of the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), I am writing to confirm our support of NIRB and Ministerial approval of the Whale Tail Pit Project and issuance of a Project Certificate that will permit the project to proceed. I am also writing to confirm our support of the NIRB's approval of Agnico-Eagle's July 2017 application for a Nunavut Agreement 12. 10(2)(b) exception for pre-development activities that relate to the Whale Tail Pit Project.

We believe the project will have net benefits for our community and region, and that with the right environmental controls, negative impacts can be kept to acceptable levels. We hope the NIRB final hearing will be an opportunity to discuss ways to maximize benefits and minimize negative impacts from a project the HTO supports.

We request the NIRB and the Minister consider this letter in making your decision to approve the exception application and the Whale Tail Pit Project.

Richard Aksawnee
Chair, Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization