



**NIRB File No.: 18MN047**

*Related to NIRB File No.: 03MN107, 11EN010, 16MN056*

*NPC File No.: 148953*

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**Re: Receipt of Conformity Determination and Information Request for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Request for Reconsideration of the Whale Tail Pit Project Certificate for the "Whale Tail Expansion" Project Proposal**

Dear Ryan Vanengen:

On October 16, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or the Proponent) "Whale Tail Expansion" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC noted that the project proposal was submitted by Agnico Eagle as a proposal involving a change to the Whale Tail Pit mine site (NIRB File No. 16MN056), related to the continued development of the Amaruq Advanced Exploration Project (NIRB File No. 11EN010) and the Meadowbank Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 03MN107). The NPC indicated that the Whale Tail Expansion project proposal is for a component or activity that was not part of the original amended proposal, therefore its inclusion is a significant modification to the project. On this basis the Commission concluded that the proposal requires assessment by the NIRB as per section 12.4.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement). The NIRB has assigned it file number **18MN047** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The documents and materials received by the NIRB in support of this project proposal include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB has determined that the proposal does not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its assessment. The NIRB requests that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed.

The NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **November 1, 2018**. If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or via email at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request #1

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**Appendix A: Information Request  
for Agnico Eagle's "Whale Tail Expansion"  
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act  
NIRB File No. 18MN047**

**1. Topic/Issue: NIRB's Online Application Form**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires the Proponent to complete the online application form to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to ensure sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. The NIRB will no longer accept applications or supporting documents via e-mail or regular mail.

**Request:** Complete the NIRB's online application form at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca), pursuant to the NIRB's project application requirements.

The Proponent is recommended to review the Help Boxes associated with the NIRB's online application form when completing the application.

**2. Topic/Issue: Project Map**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.

**Request:** Complete the NIRB's online map in the application form at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) as well as provide the latitude and longitude of the locations as listed within the application form. The map should include where applicable the following items:

- Locations of any existing or proposed infrastructure including but not limited to:
  - a. Camps (temporary and/or permanent) and associated facilities,
  - b. Roads, bridges, etc.;
- Location of all proposed activities including but not limited to:
  - a. Mine pits or portals,
  - b. Milling or processing facilities,
  - c. Fuel storage, waste rock piles,
  - d. Water retention and processing areas, berms, and waste management areas.
- Project site in proximity to communities, territorial and/or national parks, or sensitive wildlife and wildlife habitat (e.g., migratory bird sanctuary).

**3. Topic/Issue: Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English, Inuktitut**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires that a non-technical summary be submitted by proponents to assist parties to understand and provide comments on project proposals. Translated copies of the non-technical summaries are required to be inserted into the text boxes provided to assist unilingual community organizations and members to provide comments on project proposals.

**Request:** Submit via the online application text boxes a non-technical description of the project proposal in English and in the regional languages, which include Inuktitut.

The summary should use plain language only and address the following points in < 5,000 characters:

- **Who:** Company, individual or entity proposing the project.
- **What:** The type of undertaking being proposed and how it would be carried out, especially in relation to the approved Whale Tail Pit Project. It may be helpful to describe the scale of the project, number of people involved, permanence of any facilities constructed, and methods of transport.
- **Why:** The objective of and need for the project, potential long term implications.
- **Where:** general location of proposed activities in relation to closest communities, protected areas.
- **When:** timeframe of proposed activities (fixed period, seasonal, multi-year).

Please keep in mind that the project summary is intended to provide members of the public with sufficient information to understand what is being proposed and determine whether they might wish to further review the full project application and supporting information.

#### **4. Topic/Issue: Supplemental supporting documentation**

**Reference:** Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment

**Rationale:** To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.

**Request:** Provide supplemental information regarding the following:

- Summary of current and future consultation plans;
- Flight plans (e.g., duration, location, and altitudes), if appropriate;
- Mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures;
- A discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans; and
- Images of your project location if available.