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To: NIRB: Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution List
NWB: Meadowbank Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Logistics Information for the NIRB's and NWB's Upcoming Technical Meeting and Agenda for the Pre-Hearing Conference for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal and associated Water Licence Application

Dear Parties:

On November 25, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) jointly accepted the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the information pertaining to the Type "A" Water Licence Application (the Application) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) for the "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal (the Project) and initiated the public technical review process. Information regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference was released on March 13, 2017 to parties with a request to review the *Draft* Technical Meeting Agenda.

The following correspondence covers information regarding logistics and hotel accommodations for the upcoming meetings in Baker Lake.

Public Awareness and Community Engagement

The NIRB and the NWB will be inviting up to three (3) representatives from the community each of the affected communities in the Kivalliq Region to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference in Baker Lake and will set about soliciting representative's participation in the coming weeks.¹

The NIRB is prepared to cover the costs of travel, accommodations and meals for these community representatives in order to allow for their attendance and participation the Pre-Hearing Conference in Baker Lake. The NIRB will be requesting the nomination of community

¹ Any interested members of the public from Baker Lake will be welcome to participate during the Pre-Hearing Conference.

representatives from Hamlet Councils, Hunters & Trappers Organizations, and other community groups to encourage representation that is inclusive of a variety of demographics including, but not limited to, Inuit harvesters, women, youth and Elders.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of hotel accommodations are currently being held by the NIRB in Baker Lake in order to facilitate participation by responsible authorities, organizations and Intervenor at the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. The NIRB asks that all parties plan to provide sufficient representation during both the planned technical sessions, the community roundtable and at the Pre-Hearing Conference.

The NIRB is prepared to release reserved hotel beds to representatives from the following organizations:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada

Given that the availability of hotel beds in Baker Lake may be limited and may be somewhat less than the number of intended participants for the Technical Meeting and PHC, the NIRB will do its best to distribute available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. The Board will also assist parties where required and/or requested, with securing billet accommodations to the extent possible, and strongly encourages all groups to consider this option. Parties are hereby requested to notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca regarding their interest in securing hotel beds and/or billeted accommodations in Baker Lake as soon 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 un-requested hotel beds from our group reservation by **March 27, 2017**.

Translation/Interpretation Requirements

On March 13, 2017 the NIRB and the NWB indicated that the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference proceedings would be conducted in English and Inuktitut using simultaneous interpretation, and that simultaneous interpretation in French would be made available upon request. The NIRB requests that any parties requiring French interpretation for the Hearing notify the NIRB by **April 19, 2017**.

Additionally, those who require special audio-visual equipment at the Hearing are requested to inform the NIRB and to specify the nature of equipment required in order that adequate arrangements can be made on or by **April 19, 2017**.

Media Access to the Hearing

The NIRB and the NWB are supportive of any planned efforts by public media outlets to cover the Pre-Hearing Conference proceedings and the Boards will ensure that media representatives are granted sufficient access to the proceedings to report accurately. The Boards will also have court reporters attend to produce a transcript of the proceedings to ensure that there is a full and fair historical record that is readily accessible to all. However, the Board is also concerned with ensuring that the participants at the Pre-Hearing Conference are not unduly limited in their willingness and ability to participate fully if recordings should become intrusive or disruptive. The NIRB has established rules for recording of Pre-Hearing Conference and other proceedings that it asks all media outlets to observe to assist in minimizing all such disruptions.

As such, the NIRB would like to request that all media outlets that wish to record proceedings during the Pre-Hearing Conference (film, photograph, audio) request media access from the Board on or before **April 19, 2017**

Summary of Important Dates

In closing, as we move closer to the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for the NIRB's Review and the NWB's consideration of the Application by Agnico Eagle in respect of the proposed Whale Tail Pit Project, the Boards thanks all parties for their support and encourages their continued active engagement in the reconsideration process. Additional details regarding logistics and final scheduling will be provided as they become available over the coming weeks.

The following is a summary of the important dates within this letter and both Boards request that parties submit their information to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca and to the NWB at licensing@nwb-oen.ca regarding:

March 27, 2017	1) Expression of interest in securing hotel beds and/or billeted accommodations in Baker Lake.
April 19, 2017	1) Parties submit comments to the NIRB and the NWB regarding the <i>Draft</i> Technical Meeting Agenda, including requests for additional time for presentation of issues 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).
April 21, 2017	1) Parties' presentations (English, Inuktitut, and French, if possible) provided electronically to the NIRB and the NWB and confirmation of attendance.
April 24, 2017	1) The Boards release <i>Final</i> Technical Meeting Agenda

The NIRB would also like to remind all parties that the deadline for technical comment submissions are due to the NIRB and the NWB by **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 857-4829. If you have any questions on the NWB's consideration of the Water Licence Application, please contact Karén Kharatyan, Acting Manager, Licensing at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 35).

Sincerely,



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