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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration" project proposal**

Dear David Frenette:

On February 7, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) for a Class A Land Use Permit (LUP) with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the "Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration" project proposal. On March 10, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for this file. Finally, on March 15, 2011 INAC referred AEM's "Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration" project proposal to the NIRB for screening and NIRB commenced its assessment of the project proposal. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **11EN010** – please reference this number in all future related correspondence.

The proposed project is located in the Kivalliq region, approximately 90 kilometres north of the Hamlet of Baker Lake (Meadowbank Exploration Project area) and approximately 43 kilometres northeast of the Hamlet of Baker Lake (Greyhills Exploration Project area). Exploration and winter road activities near the Meadowbank project area are located near the Meadowbank Exploration Camp which was previously assessed by the NIRB as part of the Meadowbank Gold project (file no. 03MN107) and was permitted to proceed pursuant to the NIRB's Project Certificate No. 004 (issued December 30, 2006)<sup>1</sup>. Following an internal evaluation of the project scope, the NIRB has determined that the currently proposed Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration project activities were not included in the Board's previous review of the

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<sup>1</sup> Information regarding the NIRB's review of the Meadowbank Gold Project (including Project Certificate No. 004) can be obtained from the NIRB's FTP site at the following link: <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/COMPLETED%20REVIEWS/03MN107-MEADOWBANK%20GOLD%20MINE/02-REVIEW/>

Meadowbank Gold Project and as such, are being treated as a new project and are subject to screening in accordance with Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

The currently proposed winter road and exploration program is proposed to take place from April through August 2011.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction and operation of winter road network, approximately 26.5 km in length;
  - Originating at the Meadowbank Exploration Camp at km 100 of the Meadowbank All Weather Private Access Road
  - Maximize passage over frozen lakes
  - Preparation include removal of snow from lake ice without flooding
- Approximately 13,000 metres (total) on land and on ice diamond (exploration) drilling on Inuit Owned Land and Crown land at the Meadowbank and Greyhills Exploration Projects;
  - Approximately 78 drilling sites located within 19 different areas (areas to be connected via proposed winter road)
- Geological mapping, prospecting, some trenching, geophysical surveying;
- Access via winter road, supported by helicopter;
- Project personnel based out of the Meadowbank Exploration Camp (NIRB File No. 03MN107); and,
- Transportation of fuel and chemical materials on an as-needed basis to support drilling activities.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/11EN010-AEM%20-%20Pipedream/01-APPLICATION/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Form in English*
- *INAC Land Use Permit Application in English*
- *KIA Application for Access to Inuit Owned Lands in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination and Correspondence*
- *Spill Contingency Plan*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA, the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by AEM's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **Friday April 15, 2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- -Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the project, feel free to contact me directly at 867-983-4615 or via email at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): NIRB Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)