



**NIRB File No. 11EN010**  
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**Re: Application Acknowledgement and Additional Information Required for 'Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration' Project Proposal**

Dear David Frenette:

On March 22, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an amendment request from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) 'Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration' project proposal. On March 14, 2012 the NIRB received indication from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) that the request for an amendment by AEM would not require an NPC conformity review.

Please be advised that the NIRB has previously screened this project proposal (NIRB File No. 11EN010) and issued the enclosed Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) 12.4.4(a) screening decision report to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC, now AANDC) on April 21, 2011 allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project."*

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check and finds that your project proposal does ***not*** contain sufficient information for the NIRB to conduct an initial assessment of the amendment application in order to determine whether the activities therein may be exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA. Specifically, the NIRB is requesting submission of the following information by **April 19, 2012**.

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut (blank forms attached)*
- *Maps*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut – this should identify those aspects of the proposed work to be undertaken are included solely within the current amendment application and which have been previously permitted*
- *NIRB Project Specific Information Requirements (blank form attached)*

Further, the Proponent is reminded that the original screening decision report dated April 21, 2011 requested that a summary of the activities undertaken for this project proposal be included as part of the annual report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107). This annual report to the NIRB remains outstanding. It is requested that the Proponent submit this information as soon as possible.

Please forward all forthcoming submissions 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, feel free to contact me at (867) 793-4633 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed (4): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN010 (April 21, 2011)  
NIRB Part 1 form (English and Inuktitut)  
NIRB Part 2 form