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Via email: david.frenette@agnico-eagle.com

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination and Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access" Project Proposal – Amendment Application for Nunavut Water Board Licence No. 2BE-MEA1318

Dear David Frenette:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (AEM's) "Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access" project proposal from your office on October 29, 2014. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English
- NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Land Use Application
- Map
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in English
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut

On October 30, 2014 the NIRB issued correspondence advising of the need for a conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and a referral(s) from an authorizing agency(ies) prior to commencing its assessment of this proposal.

Please note that on November 20, 2014 the NIRB received an amendment application for its Nunavut Water Board Licence 2BE-MEA1318. The November 20, 2014 application submission included the following documents:

NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English

- NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements
- Nunavut Water Board Amendment Application
- Non Tech Summary in English
- Non Tech Summary in Inuktitut
- Claims Location Map
- Bionest Water Treatment Proposal

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at <a href="mailto:aglukark@nunavut.ca">aglukark@nunavut.ca</a>.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a positive conformity determination from the NPC and a Referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Stephanie Taptuna, Environmental Administrator, at (867) 983-4610 or via email at <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Taptuna

Environmental Administrator

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association