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AANDC File Nos.: N2013F0030 & N2011C0010

NWB File Nos.: 2BE-MEA0813 & 2BE-MEA1318

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Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access" project proposal

Dear David Frenette:

On October 29, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM or Proponent) "Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access" project proposal. On October 30, 2014 the NIRB issued correspondence to AEM advising that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and a referral from an authorizing agency would be required for the Board to screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

On November 18, 2014 and November 25, 2014 respectively, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the NPC and a screening request from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an amendment to the Land Use Permit (No. N2013F0030) associated with this project proposal. On November 20, 2014 and November 24, 2014 respectively, the NIRB received AEM's amendment application for its Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Water Licence (No. 2BE-MEA1318) from the Proponent and a screening referral from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) associated with the Land Use Licence (No. KVCL314C01) previously issued for the Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access project.

On December 15, 2014 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the proposed "Amaruq (IVR) Winter Access" project amendments to provide comments directly to the NIRB by December 29, 2014. On December 19, 2014 the NIRB received the amendment

application from the NWB for AEM's Water Licence (No. 2BE-MEA1318) as previously submitted by the Proponent.

On or before December 29, 2014 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's online public registry at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN010-AEM-Amaruq/>.

The NIRB would like to provide AEM with an opportunity to provide the following information to address concerns prior to the Board making its determination:

- Additional clarity regarding the timing and use of the current and proposed winter routes;
- Completed NIRB Part 2 forms relevant to the proposed activities with the specific sections completely filled in:
 - Section C: Pits and Quarries to be filled out with all known information at this time including additional detail with regards to proposed remediation activities and size of proposed quarries.
 - Section B-8: Stockpiles (if applicable)
 - Section 4: Description of the Existing Environment
 - Section 5: Identification of impacts and proposed mitigation measures (including any monitoring plans)
 - Section 6: Cumulative Effects

The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **January 22, 2015**.

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

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4606 or hramussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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