

NIRB File No.: 03MN107 NIRB File No.: 11EN010

August 13, 2015

His Worship Joedee Joedee Mayor of Baker Lake c/o Dennis Zettler, Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 149 Baker Lake, NU X0C 0A0

Sent via fax and email

Re: Notice of Upcoming NIRB Community Information Sessions in Baker Lake regarding NIRB's Update on the "Meadowbank Gold Mine" Project (NIRB File No. 03MN107) and the "Amaruq Exploration Access Road" assessment (NIRB File No. 11EN010), September 9-10, 2015

Dear Mr. Dennis Zettler:

As part of its monitoring function required by the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is responsible to conduct an annual site visit of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meadowbank Gold Mine project north of Baker Lake. We will be in your community in transit from the Meadowbank site. While in Baker Lake, the NIRB plans to host community information sessions from September 9 to September 10, 2015 in order to provide interested residents of Baker Lake with updated information about the ongoing monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Mine project and to provide information on the "Vault Pit Expansion" proposal, as well as the recent "Amaruq Exploration Access Road" proposal. This letter is intended to provide details to the Hamlet on the NIRB's community information sessions, invite the Hamlet to attend the events, and provide information on how community members can have their voices heard in the NIRB's various assessment processes.

The community information sessions will be structured as follows:

## *September 9, 2015:*

- Afternoon open house 2-4 p.m. to discuss the NIRB's ongoing monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Mine
- Evening meeting with presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. specifically to:
  - o Inform community members about the Board's monitoring function;
  - o Provide an update on NIRB's monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Project;

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- o Provide an update on the NIRB's 12.8.2 process for the proposed Vault Pit Expansion;
- o Explain how members of the public may participate in the next steps of the NIRB's 12.8.2 process; and
- o Provide an open question period for community members to ask questions and provide comments about the proposal to NIRB staff.

## September 10, 2015:

- Evening meeting with presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. specifically to:
  - o Inform community members about the Board's screening assessment process;
  - o Provide an update on NIRB's screening of the Amarug Exploration Access
  - o Explain how members of the public may participate in the next steps of the NIRB's screening process; and
  - o Provide an open question period for community members to ask questions and provide comments and about the proposal to NIRB staff.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 857-2052.

Sincerely,

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