



**NIRB File No.: 15EN050**  
NPC File No.: 148143

January 15, 2016

To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett  
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**Re: Screening Decision for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Amaruq, Meadowbank and White Hills" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region**

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Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On October 21, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Amaruq, Meadowbank and White Hills" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. Please note that the referral from the NPC was triggered by cumulative effects concerns pursuant to subsection 80(1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) and are related to:

- a) expired and active mineral interests nearby, including advanced projects,
- b) that this project could induce additional activity, and
- c) the area has been identified as having value and priority to local communities for:
  - i. caribou migration
  - ii. general wildlife
  - iii. Muskox.

Pursuant to section 86 of the NuPPAA, the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 15EN050.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of AEM's "Amaruq, Meadowbank and White Hills" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated January 15, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/2016%20DECISIONS/92\(1\)%20SCREENINGS/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/2016%20DECISIONS/92(1)%20SCREENINGS/)

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Acting Director, Technical Services, Solomon Amuno at (867) 983-4603 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 15EN050 (January 15, 2016)