

NIRB File No.: 11EN010
NPC File No.: 148261
KIA File No.: KVCL314C01
NWB File No.: 2BE-MEA1318

October 5, 2016

To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

cc: Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

David Ningeongan
President
Kivalliq Inuit Association
P.O. Box 340
Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; carolyn.bennett@canada.ca;
thomas.kabloona@nwb-oen.ca; and dningeongan@kivalliginuit.ca

Re: Screening Decision for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.’s “Amaruq Exploration – Portal/Ramp, Quarry and Advanced Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample” project proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On May 12, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) "Amaruq Exploration – Portal/Ramp, Quarry and Advanced Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **11EN010**, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Agnico Eagle's "Amaruq Exploration – Portal/Ramp, Quarry and Advanced

Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample” 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 October 5, 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 online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Amaruq Exploration Property - Portal/Ramp, Quarry and Advanced U/G Exploration and Bulk Sample Collection
- NIRB File No.: 11EN010
- Application No.: 124668

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 Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 11EN010 (October 5, 2016)