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Dear Mr. Barry

## RE: AEM All Weather Road – RK – NWB – KIA (Right of Way/Quarries) – CLEY – DFO – NWP – CGS – NIRB 11RN017

The positive conformity determination issued in regards to the Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd (AEM) *All Weather Road in Support of the Underground Program Rankin Inlet to Meliadine site proposal (proposal)* on April 1, 2011 was reviewed for conformity taking into account the proposed "All Weather Road" as describe by AEM proposal and the response to question #21 - Does the project proposal involve the development of a transportation or communications corridor? To which the proponent answered "YES".

During its review of the *proposal*, the NPC also requested for further clarity<sup>1</sup> regarding specific terminology used in the proposal.

- 1) Further details in relation to the use of the All Weather Road.
- Confirmation from AEM on whether the construction of the power line will be initiated as part of the *proposal* before a proposal for the Mine Development is submitted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NPC Letter to AEM requesting clarity on two points, 1) Use of proposed All Weather Road 2) Possible additions of power lines to the proposed All Weather Road, dated March 29, 2011.

In its response<sup>2</sup>, the AEM confirmed that the *proposal* as submitted does not include any types of work that would constitute that the NPC implement s. 5.7 of the Keewatin Regional Land Plan (KRLUP).

In the event the *proposal's* scope changes to include any type a construction of a power line or communications line. The AEM would be required to submit for an amendment to the *proposal*. The NPC would than reassess whether implementation of s. 5.7 of the KRLUP would be required.

Sincerely;

Brian Aglukark, Director of Implementation Nunavut Planning Commission

CC. Eric Lamontange, AEM John Witteman, AEM

<sup>2</sup> AEM response to the March 29, 2011NPC letter confirming no construction of power lines will be initiated before submission of proposal for a development of a Gold Mine, dated March 30, 2011 ∩∩%⊳r/ል∿ 2101 P.O. Box 2101 P.O. Box 2101

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