



**NIRB File No.: 11RN017**  
**KIA Application for Road: KVRW11F01**  
**Quarry Application: KVCA11Q01**

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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "All-Weather Road" project proposal**

Dear John Witteman:

On February 6, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "All-Weather Road" project proposal. On February 16, 2011 the NIRB received a request from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) to screen this project proposal. On April 1, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this project proposal. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11RN017.

The proposed project would be located in Kivalliq region between Rankin Inlet and the Meliadine Gold Project. AEM is proposing to develop a public all-weather access road in order to support the underground exploration and bulk sample project at the Tiriganiaq deposit at the Meliadine Gold Property. The program is proposed to take place over the winter season from June 2011 to May 2012.

The proposed project activities include:

- Development of a public all-weather access road connecting with an existing municipality road in Rankin Inlet and continuing to the Meliadine Property. The all-weather access road would cross Char River, Meliadine River and 10 ephemeral streams and would include:
  - Replacement of existing bridge across Char River with a single-span bridge [29.5 metres (m)]
  - Construction of a single-span bridge (29.5 m) across the Meliadine River
    - Ice bridge may be built to install the bridge girders in the Meliadine River
  - Construction of a single-span bridge (23.5 m) across an unnamed ephemeral stream
  - Installation of stacked culverts at nine ephemeral streams

- Abutments and ancillary facilities
- Development of a spur road off the all-weather road to Meliadine Lake to be used by residents for recreational activities;
- Construction of an Emergency Airstrip to be used while the public all-weather access road is being constructed. Once access road completed, it will either be used as a laydown area or reclaimed.
- Development of esker and rock quarries;
- Transportation of fuel from either Rankin Inlet or Meliadine site to trucks and equipment working on road;
- Generation of wastes (combustible and non-combustible);
- Use of vans and/or pickups to transport personnel to work sites;
- Use of helicopters to transport personnel to Meliadine site;
- Use of existing Meliadine camp facilities including fuel storage, explosive storage, accommodation and incinerator facilities; commercial accommodations might also be used at Rankin Inlet; and
- After construction, road will be inspected every 2 weeks during the summer periods for erosion.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/11RN017-AEM%20Meliadine%20All%20Weather%20Road/> including:

- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 2 form(PSIR) in English*
- *NWB Type B Amendment Application*
- *KIA Land Use Licence Application*
- *Maps*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *Project Proposal in English*
- *Letters of Support from community organizations and members*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by AEM's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 28, 2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Kelli Gillard at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)