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**Meliadine Gold Project – Amendment of Type B Water License – Access Road Construction**  
**NIRB File: 11RN0017**

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Mr. Ryan Barry

I am writing in follow up to a letter sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) by the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) last week, dated April 28, 2011. We were not copied on the letter and thus only saw it after NIRB forwarded a copy to all parties involved in the review of AEM's (Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.) application to amend our Meliadine Type B Water License to allow for the construction of an all weather road between Rankin Inlet and the Meliadine Project site. The letter asked that NIRB extend the review period for AEM's application for an indefinite period on the basis that AEM had not provided the KIA with additional socio-economic information, specifically regarding contracts and Inuit employment as per their request.

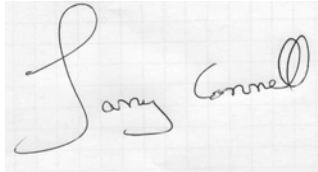
AEM has not received any such request from the KIA relating to this application. We have checked our records and can find no record of the request mentioned by Mr. Merritt in his letter. Last Friday we requested from the KIA (via email) a copy of the correspondence in which this request for additional information was made. To date we have not had a response.

Consequently we have taken the step of writing to the NIRB to voice our opinion that this request is inappropriate. The KIA should contact us directly to request the information that they feel they need to complete their assessment of our application. An indefinite delay in the NIRB review of our application will harm AEM's interests in moving forward with this project on a timely basis.

We are willing to provide whatever appropriate information any party needs to help them participate in the NIRB assessment of our application. However we cannot respond when these requests are not made clear.

Regards

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue grid background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Larry Connell".

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