

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 10EA018

NWB File No.: 2BB-MEL0914 KIA File No.: KVCL102J168

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Via email: <u>Jeff.Mercer@aandc.gc.ca</u>; <u>landsmining@aandc.gc.ca</u> and licensing@nunayutwaterboard.org

Re: Notice of Indication for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Bulk Sample"
Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File No. 10EA018

Dear Sir and Madam:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) and Mr. Thomas Kabloona, Chairperson for the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Bulk Sample" in the Kivalliq Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4** (a) which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 10EA018, signed on August 10, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, Nunavut has been issued to AAND and NWB and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AAND's and NWB's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AAND and NWB send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Natasha Lear, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4612 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Lear Environmental Administrator Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List

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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 10EA018)