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Via email: David.frenette@agnico-eagle.com

Re: Application Pending Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Regional Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear David Frennete:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.s (AEM's) "Meliadine Regional Exploration" project proposal from AEM on December 12, 2012. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 Form*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Derek Ehloak, Environmental administrator, at 867-983-4610 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Derek Ehaloak
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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