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Via email: <u>david.frenette@agnicoeagle.com</u>

Re: Application Pending Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Agnico Eagle Mines
Ltd.'s "Prairie Bay" Project Proposal

Dear David Frenette:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Prairie Bay" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) on July 16, 2014. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Land Use Plan Application in English
- Maps
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in English

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.

Further, upon receipt of the required referral, the NIRB will be undertaking a preliminary completeness check of your application. In order to ensure your application contains the minimum information required for the NIRB's screening, it is recommended that you submit the

following, noting that the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process:

• Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Natasha Lear, Environmental Administrator, at (867) 983-4612 or via email at <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Natasha Lear

Environmental Administrator

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada