



The logo for the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is located in the top left corner. It features a stylized green map of Nunavut in the background. Overlaid on the map is a red Canadian maple leaf. Above the leaf, the Inuktitut name "ᐅᐱᐱᐸ ᐃᐅᐱᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸ ᐅᐱᐱᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸ" is written in a curved path. Below the leaf, the acronym "NIRB" is displayed in large, bold, black letters. Underneath "NIRB", the words "NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD" are written in smaller, black, all-caps letters. At the bottom of the logo, the Inuktitut name "ᐅᐱᐱᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸ ᐃᐅᐱᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸ ᐅᐱᐱᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸᐸ" is written in a curved path.

August 28, 2015

Stephane Robert
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Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com

Re: NPC Determination and Referral for Screening Required for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Amendment 7" Project Proposal

Dear Stephane Robert:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received information in support of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Amendment 7" project proposal from your office on August 20, 2015. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Cover Letter to the Nunavut Water Board*
- *Bionest Operator Manual*
- *NWB Questionnaire*
- *Figures and Maps*

The *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (the NuPPAA) requires that a proponent of a project (to be carried out, in whole or in part, in the designated area) submit a proposal to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for review. The NIRB is unable to commence screening of a project proposal until it is sent to the NIRB directly by the NPC. For further information on submitting your proposal to the Commission for review, please contact the NPC directly:

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Upon receipt of a project proposal from the NPC, the NIRB will commence screening in accordance with Part 3 of the NuPPAA. At the conclusion of the screening process, the Board will issue its Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s) with jurisdictional responsibility for authorizing a project to proceed pursuant to subsection 92(1) of the NuPPAA.

The NIRB must submit its screening decision report within 45 days of receiving a project proposal from the NPC or, where there is a legal requirement for a regulatory authority to make a decision within a shorter timeframe, within a time period that would allow that requirement to be met. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to identify and apply for all permits, licences, authorizations, or approvals required to carry out the proposed works or activities that comprise a project proposal.

Upon receipt of the project proposal from the Commission, the NIRB will undertake a preliminary check of the information provided to ensure its completeness for screening. While the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process, to ensure your project proposal contains the required information it is recommended that the following accompany your project proposal:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in English and in Inuktitut*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and in Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 2 Form- Specifically Section B-9*

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact Stephanie Taptuna, Environmental Administrator, at (867) 983-4610 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Taptuna
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 form (English and Inuktitut)
NIRB Part 2 form