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Amaruq Exploration Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Opportunity to Review Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Response to Comments Submitted Regarding the "Amaruq Exploration Access Road" project proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On July 22, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) invited interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Amaruq Exploration Access Road" project proposal. The proposal is to develop a private single lane exploration access road linking the Meadowbank mine site to the Amaruq exploration project site to facilitate year exploration operations. The NIRB requested that parties provide comments to the Board on this proposal by August 12, 2015.

Following a request by the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization on August 5, 2015 to extend the commenting deadline and to hold public meetings to inform the community of Baker Lake on the proposal and explain in detail the proposed infrastructure, the NIRB extended the commenting deadline to September 16, 2015 and conducted community information sessions on September 9, 2015. After careful consideration of the comments received, the NIRB provided AEM with an opportunity to provide a response to these comments. On October 2, 2015 the NIRB received AEM's response to parties' comments and concerns pertaining to the Amaruq Exploration Access Road project proposal. The documents can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN010-AEM-Amaruq/02-DISTRIBUTION/03-RESPONSE%20TO%20COMMENTS/>.

Due to the types of concerns raised during the public consultation period, the NIRB is providing parties with an opportunity to review AEM's response to comments and provide feedback. Please send your feedback to the NIRB by **October 16, 2015** at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

In response to the Government of Nunavut's request for clarification on the NIRB process noted in its comments dated September 16, 2015, the NIRB would like to confirm agreement by all parties that the current application would be a significant modification to the activities previously assessed related to the "Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration", and that Section 12.4.3(a) and (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) would apply to current application. Therefore, the Board will be making its decision on the project proposal under NLCA Section 12.4.4.

The Board appreciates the efforts of all parties to ensure a thorough assessment of the proposed "Amaruq Exploration Access Road" proposal. If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 857-2052 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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