

commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number 11EN010, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with that file number.

Please note that at the time of the screening, the NIRB was also assessing an amendment to another component of the same NIRB file number that involves a pilot program to determine the feasibility of the usage of hovercrafts to transport personnel and light cargo on the Amaruq Exploration Access Road and potential usage in search and rescue activities (NIRB File No.: 11EN010, NIRB Application No.: 125071, NPC File No. 148399). As the additional quarries and hovercraft pilot study project proposals are both related to the ongoing Amaruq Exploration project, the proposals are currently being assessed under the same file number, however the NIRB would note that the amendments are not integrally linked to the undertaking of the other and as such the NIRB is screening the proposals separately.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated March 7, 2017 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB's assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment
- NIRB File No.: 11EN010
- Application No.: 125036

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Copland'.

Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 11EN010 (March 7, 2017)