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Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

Thank you for your Screening Decision Report of July 4, 2011, regarding Agnico-Eagle Inc.'s All-Weather Road Project proposal (NIRB File No. 11RN017). The report indicates that the Nunavut Impact Review Board has determined the project proposal to be insufficiently developed to permit a proper screening and that the project proposal should be returned to the proponent for clarification in accordance with section 12.4.4 (c) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

As required under section 12.4.8 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I am returning the proposal to the proponent for clarification and resubmission to the Board to be dealt with in accordance with sub-sections 12.4.4(a), (b), or (d) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Transport Canada also has jurisdictional responsibility for authorizing the proposal to proceed and concurs with the required decision.

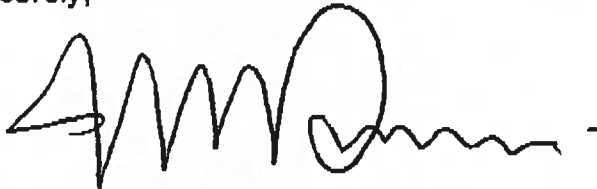
In your report, you also recommended that the construction of the Meliadine's all-weather road would be more appropriately considered within the context of Agnico-Eagle's "Melladlne Gold Project" (NIRB File No. 11MN034) proposal. In light of the Board's recommendation, I would encourage Agnico-Eagle and the Board to explore possible process efficiencies that could be gained by a consolidation of the two proposals.

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Again, I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its efforts in screening the project proposal and I look forward to working with the Board on future environmental assessments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Duncan', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Duncan, PC, MP

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Mr. Larry Connell
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