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The Honorable John Duncan
Member of Parliament
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
House of Commons
Confederation Building
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Duncan:

**Re: Nunavut Impact Review Board Screening Decision
Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited**

Kivalliq Services Ltd. is a majority Inuit-owned company from the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut.

The company was formed with a consortium of established and successful Inuit-owned businesses from the communities of Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake and Arviat. The purpose of our incorporation was to provide an option for mining and exploration companies in the Region to engage with Inuit businesses that have the expertise and capacity to provide services to their projects. Kivalliq Services Ltd. wishes to engage in services such as open pit contract mining, all weather road construction, fuel and freight delivery and exploration support.

When our clients engage with Kivalliq Services, we expect to see a positive regional benefit as opportunities are provided for employment and training among multiple Kivalliq communities.

We understand that during a recent screening decision by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding the construction of an all-weather access road to Agnico-Eagle Mines' (AEM) Meliadine Gold Project, NIRB indicated their preference to delay a decision on the all-weather road construction until the road can be considered part of a comprehensive environmental assessment for the entire mine development project.

We respect the role that the NIRB performs on behalf of the people of Nunavut and ask that they please reconsider the support shown by local Nunavummiut. Given the widespread regional support for the early construction of this road from two local MLA's and several communities and businesses we do not support NIRB's decision, particularly as AEM has had several public meetings on this issue with positive feedback.

The road is necessary for AEM to advance the Meliadine Gold Project and further increase the benefits in the Kivalliq Region. NIRB's decision could potentially delay the project by three years, and subsequently delay the opportunity for training, employment and business activity.

As a business that is hoping to work with AEM on this project and provide the training and employment opportunities for the people in our communities, we respectfully request that the Honorable Minister allow the road construction to proceed during this exploration phase of the Meliadine Gold Project.


In addition, the all-weather road to the Meliadine Gold Project is an opportunity for a piece of required infrastructure, built and paid for by the private sector, which will benefit the people of the Rankin area by allowing easier access to traditional pursuits and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Yours truly,

KIVALLIQ SERVICES LTD.

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