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Mr. Bill Lyall  
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Dear Mr. Lyall:

The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, has asked me to reply to your letter of July 25, 2011, outlining your concerns with the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Screening Decision Report for Agnico-Eagle Mines All-Weather Road.

In regards to the All-Weather Road project proposal, as required by Section 12.4.8 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Minister returned the proposal to the proponent for clarification and resubmission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board on August 11, 2011.

I want to assure you that the business communities' concerns are always taken into consideration when a proposed project is undergoing environmental assessment. The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of environmentally sound economic development to the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Yours sincerely,

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