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Her Worship Dorothy Ningeocheak  
Mayor of the Hamlet of Coral Harbour  
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Follow up

Dear Mayor Ningeocheak:

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 2011, outlining your concerns with the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Screening Decision Report for Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited's all-weather road project. I regret the delay of this reply.

In regard to the all-weather road project proposal, as required by Section 12.4.8 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I returned, on August 11, 2011, the proposal to the proponent for clarification and re-submission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board. With respect to the status of the Meliadine Gold project proposal, the Board completed a screening of the proposal on July 8, 2011, and recommended that it be reviewed under Article 12, Part 5 or 6 of the Agreement. On September 13, 2011, I issued my decision to accept the Board's recommendation and refer the Meliadine Gold project proposal to the Board for a Part 5 review. I also acknowledged that this decision would provide the proponent with the opportunity to re-apply for early development of the all-weather road.

I would like to take the opportunity to make a point of clarification regarding your reference to a similar application for the Meadowbank project. The all-weather road for the Meadowbank Mine was incorporated into the Part 5 review and was not permitted before the review of the mine was completed.

I want to assure you that the community's concerns are always taken into consideration when a proposed project is undergoing an 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.

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Finally, I would like to acknowledge the achievements of the three individuals in your community who have recently received their underground miner's certification. The residents of Coral Harbour should be proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Duncan', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'D'.

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