



NIRB File No.: 05MN047 & 12MN001

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May 9, 2024

To: Doris North; Hope Bay Phase 2 Project Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Comment Request for Agnico Eagle's Doris North Gold Mine Project and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project 2023 Annual Report**

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Dear Parties:

On April 30, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Doris North Gold Mine Project and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project 2023 Annual Report (2023 Annual Report)* as required by Project Certificate No.s 003 and 009 (NIRB File No. 05MN047/12MN001). On May 8, 2024, following a completeness check, the NIRB requested minor clarifications on documents within the *2023 Annual Report* which were subsequently submitted by May 9, 2024.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2023 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 24, 2023**.

The *2023 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/123632](http://www.nirb.ca/project/123632) (Doris North) and [www.nirb.ca/project/124148](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124148) (Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt). Access to the documents can be made by:

- Selecting the "Documents Tab" of the Project Dashboard(s) then select the "Annual Report" category on the left pane;
- Selecting "Recent Documents" on the Project Dashboards; or
- Searching the Public Registry with the Document ID numbers identified in [Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2023 Annual Report](#)

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and the Project Certificates No. 003 and 009, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2023 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2023 Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that Regulatory Authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following. An example format for tracking comments and Proponent responses is included in [Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report](#).

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically;
  - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licenses, or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable, and report annually to the NIRB on the status of those incorporated terms and conditions;
  - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2023 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
  - iii. A summary of Agnico Eagle's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

This information is important in assisting the NIRB to assess, coordinate, integrate, and ensure that the Board has the information to accurately measure effects, adequately assess compliance with terms and conditions, regulatory instruments, and agreements, and whether the Projects are carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the Project Certificate.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca). To mail materials to the NIRB, please use the address below.

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Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Doris North and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects, please contact Cory Barker, Manager, Project Monitoring, at [cbarker@nirb.ca](mailto:cbarker@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



Leah Klaassen  
Impact Assessment Officer  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments (2): Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's *2023 Annual Report*  
Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on Annual Report

cc: Jennifer Range, Agnico Eagle  
Guy Dufour, Agnico Eagle

## Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2023 Annual Report

Appendix	Document	Doris North (05MN047) Document ID	Hope Bay (12MN001) Document ID
N/A	Hope Bay 2023 Annual Report	349641	349883
A	Concordance Table	349641	349883
B	Site Layout	349641	349883
C	Status Update with Project Certificate Commitments	349641	349883
D1	Q1-Q3 2023 Atmospheric Compliance Monitoring Program Report – Doris and Madrid Projects	349642	349884
D2	2023 Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Program Compliance Report	349658, 349659, 349660, 349661, 349662	349900, 349901, 349902, 349903, 349904
D3	2023 Socio-economic Monitoring Program Report	349907	349910
D4	2023 Archaeological Site Status Summary	349644	349886
D5	2023 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program Report	349645	349887
D6	2023 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program – Aquatic Response Plan for Phytoplankton Biomass	349646	349888
E	Windy Camp Reclamation Summary	349647	349889
F	Hope Bay Project 2023 Effluent Monitoring Reports	349648	349890
G1	Care and Maintenance Plan	349649	349891
G2	Emergency Response Plan	349650	349892
G3	Human Resources Plan	349651	349893
G4	Oil Pollution Prevention Plan (OPPP) and Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP)	349652	349894
G5	QA/QC Plan	349653	349895
G6	Shipping Management Plan	349908	349909
G7	Spill Contingency Plan	349655	349897
G8	Waste Rock, Ore, and Mine Backfill Management Plan	349656	349898
G9	Water Management Plan – Doris-Madrid	349657	349899

## Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report

<b>Comment Number:</b>	
<b>Subject/Topic:</b>	
<b>References:</b>	To the appropriate section in the Annual Report and/or Addendum
<b>Comment:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gap/Issue</li><li>2. Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion</li><li>3. Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion</li><li>4. Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix</li></ol>
<b>Conclusion/Request:</b>	