



NIRB File No.: 16QN071

Related to NIRB File No.: 11MN034

NPC File No.: 148382

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Sent via email: manon.turmel@agnicoeagle.com;
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Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Itivia Quarry" project proposal

Dear Manon Turmel:

On December 22, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) "Itivia Quarry" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On January 30, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by February 17, 2017.

On or before February 17, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut-Community and Government Services (GN-CGS)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Itivia Quarry
- NIRB File No.: 16QN071
- Application No.: 125046

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

Marine Fish and Fish Habitat

- Information provided not sufficient with respect the buffer zone. Requested that Proponent provide reasons for the proposed implementation of a standard 31 meter buffer between quarry activities, such as blasting, and the shoreline, and confirm whether this buffer would be sufficient to prevent harm to fish, fish habitat and marine mammals.
- Information not provided with respect to detonation and blasting activities, and requested specific plans including:
 - The maximum amount of holes drilled and used for blasting at any time.
 - The maximum total weight of explosive charge to be used at any time.
 - Whether the explosives will be confined or unconfined.
- Lack of information on the marine environment in Melvin Bay, including type of fish species, marine mammals and habitat.
- Clarifications required on drainage plans at the quarry site to ensure no deleterious substances are deposited into Melvin Bay.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address the comments noted above and within the comment submissions prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **March 9, 2017**.

If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or kboaantwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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