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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
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Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca, carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Pilot study – Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On December 23, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) "Pilot study – Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 11EN010.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening, therefore on January 13, 2017 the Board requested that Agnico Eagle provide additional information. On February 10, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On February 14, 2017 the NIRB distributed project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting that comments to be submitted to the NIRB by March 7, 2017. As a result of concerns raised during the public comment period, on March 14, 2017 the NIRB provided Agnico Eagle an opportunity to respond to the comments, which is expected to be submitted to the NIRB on March 28, 2017. As a result of the concerns raised during the public comment period and the additional time required to allow Agnico Eagle to respond to parties concerns prior to the Board decision, the NIRB requires additional to completing the screening.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Pilot study - Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut
- NIRB File No.: 11EN010
- Application No.: 125071

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **April 17, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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