



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN010**

NIRB Application No.: 125071
NPC File No.: 148399

April 18, 2017

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Pilot study – Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Tracey McCaie;

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Pilot study – Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut" in the Kivalliq Region, dated April 18, 2017.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister(s) that **the project should be modified or abandoned** in accordance with paragraph 91 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister as necessary.

Please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN010 (April 18, 2017)