



**NIRB File No.: 17EA068**

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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Huckleberry Exploration" project proposal**

Dear David Frenette:

On November 22, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Huckleberry Exploration" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On December 13, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by January 12, 2018.

On or before January 18, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Hamlet of Whale Cove
- Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Athabasca Denesuline Né Né Land Corporation
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada

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](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Huckleberry Exploration

- NIRB File No.: 17EA068
- Application No.: 125187

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

- Lack of public consultation
- Limited information regarding waste management
- Limited information regarding fish and fish habitat in reference to water withdrawal
- Conducting activities within the calving grounds of the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address the comments noted above 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 **February 2, 2018**.

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](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at 867-983-4607 or [sthompson@nirb.ca](mailto:sthompson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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