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TO: Meliadine Distribution List

FROM: Nunavut Impact Review Board

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RE: **NIRB File No. 11MN034 – Update to the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Agnico Eagle Mines Limited’s “Meliadine Extension” Project Proposal**

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INTRODUCTION

In the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) *Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meliadine Extension Proposal Related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project* NIRB File No. 11MN034 (Extension Proposal or Proposal) issued on December 22, 2022 (the PHC Decision), the Board identified that the next steps in the Board's assessment of the Extension Proposal would include a second Pre-Hearing Conference. The Board provided the following rationale for requiring a second Pre-Hearing Conference before determining that the file could proceed to the Public Hearing stage of the Board's assessment:

...the Board agrees with the submission of the Kivalliq Inuit Association and supported by the other parties, that following the submission and review by parties and the Board of Agnico Eagle's supplemental information, it would be useful for the Board to conduct a second Pre-Hearing Conference to focus on the identification of resolved and outstanding technical issues, and the potential timing and logistics for a Public Hearing. The Board has structured the proposed process and timelines that follow to reflect the Board hosting a second Pre-Hearing Conference via teleconference.¹

As directed in the Board's PHC Decision, on **March 16, 2023** the NIRB's Chairperson and staff facilitated the second Pre-hearing Conference for the file via Microsoft Teams/teleconference. As discussed during the second Pre-Hearing Conference, in this document to update the PHC Decision, the Board has provided:

- A brief overview of the key procedural steps in the NIRB's assessment of the Extension Proposal that occurred after the close of the in-person Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and first Pre-Hearing Conference held in Rankin Inlet on November 23 to 25, 2022;
- A summary of the issues discussed amongst the attendees during the second Pre-Hearing Conference;
- The views of the Board with respect to the issues discussed and next steps in the Board's assessment of the Extension Proposal; and
- The Board's updated procedural guidance to the parties addressing the timing and proposed next steps in the Board's assessment of the Extension Proposal.

¹ NIRB, *Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meliadine Extension Proposal Related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project* NIRB File No. 11MN034, December 22, 2022, at p. 49. Public Registry ID: 342499 (English) and 343382 (Inuktitut)

NOTE ON ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Please see [Appendix A](#) for a list of acronyms and abbreviations used in this document.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY SINCE THE NOVEMBER 2022 PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Table 1 below provides a listing of the key procedural steps in the NIRB's process that occurred after the close of the first Pre-Hearing Conference in November 2022.

Table 1: Key Procedural Steps after the November 2022 PHC

Date	Procedural Step
December 22, 2022	NIRB issues Pre-Hearing Conference decision
February 2, 2023	NIRB circulates additional information from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) to parties for comment
February 23, 2023	Government of Canada advises NIRB on participation of Athabasca Denesuline (Northern Saskatchewan) and Northlands Denesuline/Sayisi Dene (Northern Manitoba) in the NIRB's assessment process
February 28, 2023	Parties provide comment on the supplemental information and updated commitments list
March 6-10, 2023	NIRB conducts Community Information Sessions in Northern Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba (session planned for Lac Brochet, Manitoba on March 9 was cancelled at the request of Community Leaders)
March 16, 2023	Second Pre-Hearing Conference
March 16, 2023	NIRB requests the updated Commitments List from Agnico Eagle
March 23, 2023	Agnico Eagle files the updated Commitments List dated March 23, 2023 ²

Agnico Eagle's Clarification of the Scope of the Proposal

At the start of the second Pre-Hearing Conference, the Board asked Agnico Eagle to confirm that since the November 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference, Agnico Eagle made two (2) changes to the scope of the Extension Proposal. Agnico Eagle confirmed that in response to the discussion of technical issues and reflecting updated commitments to parties, Agnico Eagle has changed the scope of the Extension Proposal to:

- Remove the "Option to construct and operate an airstrip and associated infrastructure" from the proposal; and
- Confirm that windfarm operations will be suspended during periods of caribou migration.

² Public Registry ID: 343459

Updated Submissions Received by the Board After the 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference

Since the November 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference for the file, parties continued discussions to:

- Resolve outstanding technical issues;
- Provide clarity regarding the scope of the Extension Proposal;
- Identify additional commitments; and
- Exchange additional information regarding the Extension Proposal to facilitate the technical review of the Proposal by the Board and parties.

Table 2 below provides a summary of the additional submissions filed with the Board since the 2022 meetings up to the March 16, 2023 Pre-Hearing Conference.

Table 2: Submissions Received by the Board Since November 2022

Submission Date	Party	Document Summary	Doc ID No.
December 9, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 30 (Re: Human Health Risk Assessment)	342325 342326
December 9, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 34 (Re: Employment)	342327 342328
November 30, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 20 and No. 40 (Re: In-pit deposition)	342244 342245 342254
December 9, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 43 (Re: Pre-construction imagery)	342329 342330
December 6, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Response to Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (Re: Community engagement and public support)	342375
December 5, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Response to Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization (Re: Inuit employment and marine mammal monitors)	342374
December 5, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Response to C. Tartak (Re: Lakes to be dewatered)	342373
December 15, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle Update to Meliadine Extension and Commitments	342515
December 15, 2022	Agnico Eagle	December 15 List of Commitments	342514
December 16, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 27 (Re: Risk Assessment)	342457 342458

Submission Date	Party	Document Summary	Doc ID No.
December 16, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 29 (Re: Soil quality data)	342459-342463
December 16, 2022	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 42 (Re: In-pit deposition)	342464-342468
January 13, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 33 (Re: Wind analysis)	342574-342575
January 17, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 23 (Re: Air quality)	342591-342592
January 19, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 25 (Re: Discovery waterline)	342618-345619
January 20, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 26 and 31 (Re: Human Health Risk Assessment)	342620-342621
January 20, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 21 (Re: Emissions)	342622-342624
January 20, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 52 (Re: Emissions)	342631-342632
January 20, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 10 (Re: Minor Works Order)	342635-342636
January 30, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 19 (Re: Thermal analysis)	342704-342705
January 30, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 39 (Re: Viewshed)	342706-342707
January 30, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 53 (Re: Carbon sinks)	342709-342710
January 31, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Pre-Hearing Conference Deliverable and Commitment Status Update	342742
January 31, 2023	Agnico Eagle	January 31 List of Commitments	342743
February 9, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 50 (Re: Greenhouse gas emissions)	342900
February 9, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 51 (Re: Emissions reduction)	342899
February 16, 2023	Agnico Eagle	Commitment No. 24 (Re: Windfarm tour)	342955

Submission Date	Party	Document Summary	Doc ID No.
February 28, 2023	KIA	Party comments on supplementary information, commitments, and outstanding technical concerns	343105
February 28, 2023	Government of Canada	Party comments on supplementary information, commitments, and outstanding technical concerns	343104
February 28, 2023	SDFN NDFN	Party comments on supplementary information, commitments, and outstanding technical concerns	343106
March 1, 2023	GN	Party comments on supplementary information, commitments, and outstanding technical concerns	343109

Community Information Sessions Conducted in Northern Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba

The NIRB conducted Community Information Sessions in Black Lake, Fond du Lac, and Hatchet Lake, Saskatchewan, and Tadoule Lake, Manitoba, the week of March 6-10, 2023. As requested by the Community Leaders, the NIRB cancelled the Information Session in Lac Brochet, Manitoba scheduled for March 9, 2023 and will work with the community to find alternative ways to provide community members with the information provided to the other communities. The objective of these meetings was to inform the public about the Extension Proposal, the NIRB's impact assessment process (including opportunities for interested community members to be involved) and to hear from the community about concerns, questions, or comments about the Extension Proposal.

The NIRB acknowledges the many community members who made these meetings a success through sharing their knowledge, and providing their questions and comments about the Extension Proposal and the NIRB's process. Comments from communities potentially affected by the Extension Proposal play a very important role in the NIRB's process and the Board looks forward to continued engagement with these communities.

For more information about the sessions held in Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba, please see the Community Information Session Report at www.nirb.ca/project/125684, Document ID: 343699.

For information about the sessions held in the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut, on September 7-13, 2023, please see the Community Information Session Report at www.nirb.ca/project/125684, Document ID: 342479 [English] and 343076 [Inuktitut].

SUMMARY OF STATUS OF TECHNICAL ISSUES

In its February 2, 2023 correspondence, the NIRB requested that parties identify which technical review comments and commitments have been resolved and which remain outstanding, by February 28, 2023.

The NIRB received comments from the following parties:

Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA)

Government of Nunavut (GN)

Government of Canada

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation (SDFN and NDFN)

Table 3 provides a summary of comments received from parties, for full comments please refer to the submissions listed in Table 2.

Table 3: Summary of Comments Received from Parties on Technical Issues

Party	Comment Summary
KIA	<p><i>Caribou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requirement for a definition of deflection and baseline analyses of caribou movement and monitoring around the mine site, including noise levels• Shutting down the windfarm still leaves the requirement for the analysis of caribou movement relative to the intensified mine activity and associated structures as well as the windfarm structures• Caribou occur in the vicinity of Meliadine mine outside of the main post-calving migration period and are important to Inuit hunters during late summer and fall (better meat and hides)• Request for a specific plan to highlight the importance of designing monitoring and mitigation for the first large windfarm in the seasonal ranges of barren-ground caribou

Party	Comment Summary
	<p><i>Water Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimizing contact water should be dealt with under the NIRB process • Agnico Eagle has not provided a mechanism for dealing with the excess discharge to Meliadine Lake • The impacts of additional infrastructure required to meet obligations to minimize or eliminate water discharge to Meliadine Lake should be assessed under the NIRB process <p><i>In-pit Deposition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to collect additional geotechnical and thermal information for the Discovery mine area to allow for a better assessment of the impacts and inform the viability of the alternative methods of in-pit deposition • Recommend NIRB exclude the proposed alternative of the in-pit deposition from the scope
GN	<p><i>Caribou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept a Temporary Data and Sample Sharing Agreement for data solely for the purpose of producing products to support the NIRB assessment • Provide seasonal ranges of the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd using 2012 to 2022 years of data to define: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recent and present possible habitat losses attributable to the Meliadine project ○ Direct and indirect habitat losses for calving, post-calving, and summer-time ranges ○ Apply zones-of-influence from more recent and relevant studies ○ Complete outstanding recommendations outlined in GN-TRC-05, GN-TRC-06, GN-TRC-09, and GN-TRC-11³ • Update the ‘heat’ map showing collared caribou walk-line densities • Provide walk-line densities during the calving, post-calving, and summer seasons for each of the approved Project’s phases • Record and report all observations of caribou collected during Project-related surveys • Apply a greater shut down buffer zone for the wind turbine based on consultation with the Meliadine Terrestrial Advisory Group during this phase of the reconsideration

³ The original technical review comment (TRC) submission from the Government of Nunavut which includes GN-TRC-05, GN-TRC-06, GN-TRC-09, and GN-TRC-11 can be found by searching for the Document ID Number 341996

Party	Comment Summary
	<p><i>Socioeconomic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding technical review comment on female employment • Outstanding technical review comment on potential for partnerships with windfarm <p><i>Human Health Risk Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most up-to-date and relevant screening criteria and toxicity reference values should be used in each application • Tabulated summaries of final exposure point concentrations for each contaminant evaluated should be provided within the text • Exposure scenarios need to be scrutinized to determine if dose-averaging is appropriate
CIRNAC	<p><i>In-pit Deposition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information has been provided by Agnico Eagle on in-pit deposition of tailings and waste rock storage during a meeting and through additional documents which will be considered in CIRNAC's ongoing review <p><i>Water Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnico Eagle has provided additional clarification for water discharges into Meliadine Lake and information which will be considered in CIRNAC's ongoing review • Sufficient information has been provided by Agnico Eagle on in-pit temporary water storage and CIRNAC looks forward to reviewing the additional information which Agnico has committed to provide during the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) process • Technical comment on post-closure arsenic loadings has been resolved • Additional information has been provided and further expected on post-closure water quality monitoring which will be considered in CIRNAC's review
DFO	<p><i>Fish and Fish Habitat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide justification for lake dewatering and destruction • Provide baseline fish and fish habitat assessments, requiring field work in the summer of 2023 • Information on changes in surface water flow in watersheds • Information is required to review the potential effects of new road infrastructure

Party	Comment Summary
ECCC	<p><i>Emissions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an estimate of land-use change emissions • Provide further detail to substantiate the claim that the proposed Project emission intensity is 50% lower than the world average • Demonstrate how factors such as efficient planning, efficiency projects, and company culture contribute to the Project's expected emissions intensity • Clarify total carbon sink impact • Technical Comment on net-zero plan are considered resolved <p><i>Birds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical comment on migratory birds and the windfarm are considered resolved <p><i>In-pit Deposition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical comments on in-pit tailings and waste rock storage, and groundwater modelling are considered resolved
HC	<p><i>Air Quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future air quality monitoring reports incorporate comparison of measured air quality contaminants with the corresponding 2025 Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) • Low concentrations of air quality contaminants reported in the Air Quality Monitoring Reports • HC emphasizes the importance of reducing air emissions as much as possible, especially for non-threshold substances • Suggest including a qualitative discussion on the Project's contribution toward predicted exceedances of CAAQS within the local airshed • Technical comments related to airstrip no longer applicable <p><i>Water Quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a multi-media risk assessment for arsenic to characterize potential human health risks under baseline conditions • Suggested modifications to 7-day and 14-day emergency use scenarios for Saline Pond B7

Party	Comment Summary
	<p><i>Terrestrial Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to monitor arsenic in soils and other relevant media over the mine life, and implement mitigation or adaptive management if monitoring shows increasing concentrations over time
NRCan	<p><i>In-pit Deposition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update conceptual model of permafrost and groundwater flow conditions to include open talik lakes with intermediate elevations • Discuss the potential impact of groundwater inflow through the waste rock and tailings into the pit lakes • Future use of the 3-Dimensional hydrogeology model to address hydrogeological issues • Discuss the possible benefits and problems of using protective barriers between tailings or waste rock and pit lakes or underlying rock • Add an additional effect pathway from in-pit disposal of waste rock and tailings to the overlying pit lakes • Include in appropriate regulatory process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Characterization of acid rock drainage and metal leaching of tailings and waste rock separately or in co-disposal under flooded conditions ○ Update environmental dispersion models to determine if in-pit disposal requires any additional mitigation measures ○ Modelling results with a scenario of surface management with an engineered cover or other techniques <p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested updates to hydrogeology model as part of the NWB process • Request for a more detailed map of hydraulic heads in the vicinity of Discovery based on the hydrogeology model results for baseline conditions • Technical comment on ground thermal regime considered resolved • Technical comment on assessment of closure and post-closure phases considered resolved • Technical comment on saline water storage in B7 considered resolved <p><i>Water Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As design progresses, refine thermal modelling to incorporate any new data acquired to inform decisions on temporary water storage ponds and underground mining operations

Party	Comment Summary
SDFN & NDFN	<p><i>Caribou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for a revised post-calving range polygon (including 2020, 2021, and 2022 data) is agreed to by interested parties and the analysis is completed prior to setting a public hearing date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysis to focus on spatial assessment of caribou distribution, movement and migration near the current and proposed mine infrastructure ○ Request to be involved with the discussions with GN and KIA regarding the post-calving range polygon • New “collared caribou memo” analysis (including 2020, 2021 and 2022 data) be completed before a public hearing date is set • While Agnico Eagle has committed to shut down the rotating wind turbines during caribou migration, the turbine’s tall structure will still have a visual and sensory disturbance which needs to be assessed • Continued discussion on research program to record high frequency noise levels (potentially heard by caribou) • Employ additional remote noise receptors at a greater distance from the mine to establish a baseline level of actual measured noise for the mine site • Provide a percentage estimate of visible mine infrastructure within the 30 kilometre (km) Local Study Area • Need to observe and monitor caribou at greater distances from the mine to determine caribou behaviour in natural undisturbed landscapes • Pre-disturbance photos of the proposed waste rock storage pit and borrow pit areas to assess their suitability for preferred caribou foraging habitat • Sufficiency of 10 km distance threshold to shut off wind turbines • Assessment of alternate road slope profiles for movement of wildlife <p><i>Wind turbines</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind analysis report did not include preferred caribou foraging habitat or caribou travel corridors • Need to identify the specific criteria metrics used and how decisions were made for selecting wind turbine pad locations • Placing wind turbines within the approved footprint may reduce the zone of influence for caribou as the background of the mine infrastructure will allow the turbines to ‘blend in’, without compromising wind speed, if faced into the optimal Northwest direction • Location of wind turbines and caribou forage habitat

Party	Comment Summary
	<p><i>Waterline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on the waterline placement, covering height, covering locations, caribou crossing locations, and markers to be used for waterline mitigation • Waterline coverings should consist of fine surface material to prevent injury to young caribou calf hooves • Coverings should be of a sufficient depth to prevent erosion of the covering and reduce waterline vibration noise as a deterrent to caribou crossing

DISCUSSION AT THE MARCH 16, 2023 PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

As indicated in the list of attendees attached to this update, representatives from the following parties participated in the March 16, 2023 Pre-Hearing Conference:

- Agnico Eagle
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- Government of Nunavut
- Government of Canada
 - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Health Canada
 - Natural Resources Canada
 - Transport Canada
 - Northern Projects Management Office
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation
- Athabasca Denesūliné Né Né Land Corporation

1. Identification of any issues preventing the file from advancing to a Public Hearing

The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), supported by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), expressed the view that it is still premature for the Board to set dates for a Public Hearing because there are unresolved technical issues and a lack of information preventing the parties and the Board from being able to conduct a thorough assessment with respect to the following issues:

- The potential for effects on caribou due to the windfarm (as Agnico Eagle's commitment to suspend operation of the windfarm during caribou migration does not fully address the KIA's concerns);
- The alternatives to the proposed location of the windfarm (as Inuit harvesters have identified that the proposed location is in a high-intensity hunting ground);
- The potential for effects on surface and groundwater due to underground mining and in-pit deposition of tailings (noting that information about geotechnical investigations and field work about groundwater and surface water quality has not been provided to date); and
- The effects on discharges to Meliadine Lake due to the increased intensity and duration of activities associated with the Proposal (noting that Agnico Eagle has not provided a fully updated water balance for the site).

The KIA indicated that additional discussions and information exchange between the Government of Nunavut, the KIA and Agnico Eagle is required, in respect of the potential for the Extension Proposal to have effects on caribou, before the Board should set Public Hearing dates. NTI also indicated that if the NIRB schedules the Public Hearing, there must be a commitment from Agnico Eagle that they will provide all additional information in sufficient time to allow parties to conduct a thorough review of the information before parties must file their final written submissions before the Public Hearing.

Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (KHTO) also expressed concern about the proposed location of the windfarm and requested that Agnico Eagle consider locating the windfarm adjacent to the infrastructure at Itivia Harbour along the bypass road and closer to town rather than adjacent to the mine.

Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation (SDFN and NDFN) also expressed concerns about the adequacy of the information provided in respect of caribou and the windfarm; and expressed the view that sufficient information has not been provided for a Public Hearing to be scheduled.

Athabasca Denesūliné Né Né Land Corporation (ADNLC) shared similar concerns that the current information provided does not adequately address the potential breadth and scope of the impacts to caribou from the windfarm. ADNLC indicated that although they have not had an opportunity to complete their full technical review at this point (having only become involved in the Board's assessment in February 2023), based on their initial review of materials filed to date, ADNLC does

not agree that the proposed Windfarm Management Plan and existing monitoring plans are sufficient to address the potential for the windfarm to impact caribou.

The Government of Nunavut (GN) indicated that a lack of information, with respect to the potential for effects on caribou due to the windfarm, is preventing the assessment from moving forward. The GN acknowledged that there is a lack of scientific information available, but that there may be a path forward if Agnico Eagle has more focused discussions on this issue (e.g., a caribou workshop) with the GN, KIA, Inuit knowledge holders, SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC prior to the NIRB's Public Hearing for the file.

CIRNAC (on behalf of the Government of Canada (GoC) parties) indicated that in some instances, the GoC is still not in a position to assess impacts. Specifically, the GoC noted that the information sufficient to assess the potential effects on fish, fish habitat and water bodies has yet to be provided. CIRNAC noted that Agnico Eagle has provided considerable additional information since November 2022, and that in general, CIRNAC is satisfied with the information provided to date. With respect to submissions provided by Agnico Eagle on March 13, 2023 CIRNAC noted that they have not been able to review this material as of yet, and would need two (2) weeks to review before they could advise the Board whether the information is sufficient to resolve technical issues. Recognizing that parties need time to review new information provided by Agnico Eagle, CIRNAC noted that scheduling a Public Hearing in the late summer (August) of 2023 may be appropriate.

CIRNAC also noted that given the GoC's reliance on the NIRB's process to meet aspects of the GoC's consultation obligations, CIRNAC urged the Board to consider whether the information provided to date in the assessment is sufficient for the KIA to assess the potential for impacts on Inuit s. 35 rights and provide guidance.

The NIRB had three (3) follow up requests to previous technical comments based on the additional information shared since the first Pre-Hearing Conference in November. Firstly, the Board requested that all new information on the potential impacts to caribou be clearly communicated at the Public Hearing in a focused, clear and concise manner to community representatives, the public and the parties. The Board recommended that Agnico Eagle and potentially relevant parties should consider figures, photos, migration animations, and 3-Dimensional renderings to help demonstrate potential impacts, mitigation measures *et cetera*. Secondly, the Board requested that Agnico Eagle ensure their materials for the Public Hearing clearly include the layout of the Discovery waterline, how it would cross the All-Weather Access Road (AWAR), and clear plans to ensure that access on the AWAR is not interrupted for either mine traffic or the public due to the placement of the Discovery waterline. Finally, the Board requested that Agnico Eagle provide the NIRB with a summary of follow up information and key studies regarding the in-pit deposition of tailings and waste rock, that have been provided (including to the Nunavut Water Board) but are not yet on the NIRB's Public Registry.

The Proponent advised that they have made considerable progress since the first Pre-Hearing Conference to address information gaps, to resolve technical issues, to make additional

commitments, and to clarify the revised scope of the Extension Proposal. With respect to caribou, Agnico Eagle advised that they have entered into a Temporary Data and Sample Sharing Agreement with the Government of Nunavut so that the Proponent can supplement and update existing information on caribou ranges and movement of caribou across the site. Agnico Eagle emphasized that a delay in scheduling the Public Hearing for the file will prejudice Agnico Eagle, potentially resulting in missing shipping and construction seasons. Agnico Eagle does not want to see the Public Hearing pushed into the late summer, as this will delay decision-making and could affect community participation as community members will be on the land at this time of year. On this basis, Agnico Eagle proposed that the week of June 19th-23rd is the preferred timing for the Public Hearing with the week of June 12th-17th as an alternative.

2. Discussion and facilitation of the Public Hearing process

b. Anticipated date, time, form, and location(s) for the Public Hearing

As noted during the first Pre-Hearing Conference, there was agreement that the format of a future Public Hearing should be in-person in Rankin Inlet.

NTI deferred to the KIA in respect of these issues. KIA indicated that while they have had additional discussions and information exchanged with Agnico Eagle since the first Pre-Hearing Conference, their position remains that sufficient information has not yet been presented to allow for the file to move to a Public Hearing.

The Government of Nunavut (GN) indicated that although there has been progress, the majority of the GN's technical comments in respect of wildlife remain unresolved (in whole or in part). In addition, the GN identified that a Female Employment Barriers study should be provided by Agnico Eagle. The GN confirmed that a Temporary Data and Sample Sharing Agreement has been negotiated with Agnico Eagle and the GN looks forward to the updated analyses from Agnico Eagle based on this data. The GN took the position that the Barriers study and updated analyses should be provided by Agnico Eagle before scheduling the Public Hearing.

CIRNAC indicated that they will require two (2) weeks to determine whether information received on March 13, 2023 will be sufficient to resolve issues. If the Board requests it, GoC can provide an update in writing in two (2) weeks about whether the information provided is sufficient, to help inform the decision on an anticipated Public Hearing. Alternatively, CIRNAC proposes the Board consider scheduling the Public Hearing for late summer in-person in Rankin Inlet to allow time for all parties to review the information provided and prepare for a Public Hearing.

KHTO agreed with the KIA that until more information and resolution of issues occurs the Board should not schedule the Public Hearing.

SDFN and NDFN indicated that all their technical comments have not been resolved, as summarized in their February 28 comment submission. Accordingly, SDFN and NDFN indicated that it is premature to propose a date for the Public Hearing.

ADNLC indicated that they are not prepared to commit to a Public Hearing date until additional information is provided regarding:

- The visual impact and zone of influence on caribou even if the windfarm is not operating during the migration;
- Chronic impacts associated with the low frequency sounds the windfarm emits; and
- How the siting of the windfarm might affect current movement of caribou on the mine site.

ADNLC indicated that it is not appropriate to defer these discussions to the Terrestrial Advisory Group (and noted that ADNLC is not currently part of that group).

Agnico Eagle emphasized that this assessment is in respect of the Extension Proposal and is not a reassessment of the previously-approved Meliadine Gold Mine Project (as modified). Agnico Eagle noted that some of the issues identified by parties as outstanding are operational matters that are best addressed during the annual report review and comment period for the approved project. Agnico Eagle also stated that the current assessment needs to focus on where the information is available and can be provided during the assessment, pre-construction, and construction stages of project development. Agnico Eagle agreed that the Public Hearing should be in-person in Rankin Inlet and reiterated the preference for the week of June 19th-23rd, or alternatively June 12th-17th.

c. Timetable for the exchange of additional documents and information requests prior to the Public Hearing.

The KIA, as supported by NTI, identified that the following additional information should be provided during the NIRB's assessment, with at least 60 days for parties to review before filing their final written submissions in advance of the Public Hearing:

- Details regarding the consultation done with Inuit harvesters and community members that affected the proposed location of the windfarm;
- More details regarding the windfarm management and monitoring plan – in particular, proposed thresholds for triggering adaptive management, and location of the windfarm as a form of mitigation;
- Updated information regarding a study of caribou movement on the mine site, including the intensification of the operations that would occur during the Extension Proposal;
- Discussion with Agnico Eagle to review outstanding technical comments related to caribou to be held with the GN, SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC;
- Summary and updates to hydrogeological information collected to date to be in one location; and
- Update to the water quality and water balance model for the site with limits to surface water discharge limits, reflecting the intensified activities on-site associated with the Extension Proposal.

The GN indicated that the additional information requirements were identified in their comment submission and previous discussions. The GN also reiterated that a Temporary Data and Sample Sharing Agreement has been signed for caribou data and requested a 60-day time period for review of updated caribou analyses prior to a Public Hearing.

CIRNAC (on behalf of the GoC) committed to working with the Board's timelines. GoC noted they have received additional information since filing their comment submission on February 28, 2023 and request a period of at least 30 days after receipt of information for parties' review.

KHTO indicated that they would not support Agnico Eagle's proposed dates in June as community members are generally out fishing during that time. The KHTO also indicated that there are resident caribou in the area around the proposed windfarm that do not migrate, so shutting down the windfarm during the migration will not address the impacts on that population. KHTO wants to see more information addressing the potential for effects on the resident caribou population in the vicinity of the windfarm.

SDFN and NDFN outlined the additional information they require in their February 28, 2023 submission. In general, SDFN and NDFN want to see updated baseline movements, updated justification for Agnico Eagle's choice of location of the windfarm, and analysis of the effects of the noise emitted by the windfarm (below regulatory limits).

ADNLC indicated that they intend to follow up with Agnico Eagle to identify the existing information that has been provided on the potential for effects on caribou specifically. Based on discussions during the PHC and comment submissions from other parties, ADNLC also wants to see updated analysis of caribou movement. ADNLC would need time to review this additional information.

Agnico Eagle indicated that parties' final written submissions must be provided at least three (3) weeks before a Public Hearing to allow sufficient time for Agnico Eagle to prepare for the Public Hearing.

d. Updates to the Commitments List

NTI indicated they had no additions to the commitments list. The KIA indicated they had no additions other than what was presented in their February 28, 2023 written comments.

The GN summarized that there are several issues that are unresolved or only partially resolved by commitments in Agnico Eagle's response to their technical comments, but that additional commitments and responses from Agnico Eagle are being discussed. The GN indicated that updated commitments capturing these discussions should be provided shortly.

GoC parties commented separately regarding the status of commitments:

- CIRNAC, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Health Canada (HC), and Transport Canada indicated that Agnico Eagle has met all commitments and their technical issues have been resolved;

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is currently reviewing information received from Agnico Eagle and will provide follow up; and
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) indicated that since filing their February 28 comment submission, Agnico Eagle and NRCan have had two meetings; as a result, TRC-05 has been resolved, and NRCan is awaiting updated information for TRC-02 and anticipate that this additional information will resolve the TRC.⁴

KHTO indicated that they have no outstanding commitments but reiterated that the KHTO would like to further discuss a change to the location of the windfarm to address hunters' concerns.

SDFN and NDFN indicated that as an update to their February 28 comments on the commitments list, #5 remains unresolved and #25, 33 and 45 are partly resolved.

ADNLC indicated that they had no comments on the commitments list at this time.

Agnico Eagle indicated that they could provide an updated version of the commitments list to the NIRB following the Pre-Hearing Conference.

e. Finalization of issues for the Public Hearing, and identification of interested parties to attend the Hearing

The Board indicated that they continued to expect that the issues, as identified in the Board's PHC Decision would be brought forward to the Public Hearing. The Board advised that, as indicated in the Board's PHC Decision, in early January the Board reached out to extend an invitation to the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB) to participate in the Board's assessment if they wish. The Board has not received a response to the invitation to date.

NTI, GN, GoC, SDFN, NDFN, ADNLC and Agnico Eagle indicated that they had no additional issues to add to the list in the Board's PHC Decision.

KIA indicated that the issue of the deposit of water into Meliadine Lake should be added, and also indicated that there should be mapping of hunting areas near the proposed windfarm.

KHTO requested that Agnico Eagle's consideration of relocating the windfarm to within the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet be added.

With respect to the invitation to additional parties to participate in a future Public Hearing, ADNLC expressed their expectation that the Board would be ensuring Community Representatives from the ADNLC's three (3) communities in Northern Saskatchewan are invited to participate in the Public Hearing.

⁴ The original technical review comment (TRC) submission from NRCan which includes TRC-02 and TRC-05, can be found by searching for the Document ID Number 341995

f. Logistics arrangement, equipment, language, interpretation, translation, and transcript requirements

The Board highlighted that, unless parties indicate that changes are required, the Board's normal practice with respect to the conduct of Public Hearings would be adopted.

NTI indicated that no modifications to the Board's normal practices are required, but identified for the Board that if the Public Hearing takes place during the summer there may be problems with getting attendance from the community.

KIA, KHTO, and GN indicated that they required no modifications to the Board's normal practices for a Public Hearing.

CIRNAC, on behalf of the GoC, indicated that they are supportive of a site visit being included during the Public Hearing. GoC also requested the Board consider making arrangements to include a virtual option for technical experts to participate, as that would ensure the GoC is able to respond to questions from the communities in a more timely way.

SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC indicated that depending on which community members are chosen to participate as Community Representatives, there may be a requirement for interpretation in Dene to ensure the Community Representatives can participate fully.

Agnico Eagle indicated that they are open to making arrangements for a site visit but would require confirmation of the site visit fairly quickly to allow Agnico Eagle to make the logistical arrangements. Agnico Eagle encouraged GoC to ensure that funding for participants and for NIRB to hold the Public Hearing are in place to avoid delays.

g. Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the Public Hearing

NTI indicated that visual models are always appreciated.

KIA indicated that a virtual option to allow for videoconference attendance of experts would be beneficial.

GN suggested that a specific meeting/workshop about the windfarm and potential effects on caribou with Agnico Eagle and all the interested parties participating prior to the Public Hearing. GN indicated that having this meeting would simplify the eventual Public Hearing. ADNLC supported GN's request for this meeting.

GoC, KHTO, SDFN and NDFN identified no other matters to simplify the Public Hearing.

ADNLC indicated that graphics, videos and imagery are always very helpful and encouraged Agnico Eagle to make use of these tools.

Agnico Eagle confirmed that there are several 3-Dimensional models and other visuals that will be used during the Public Hearing.

VIEWS OF THE BOARD

The Board acknowledges that considerable progress has been made since the November 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference, and that the Proponent and parties have worked to exchange information, share data, clarify the scope of the Extension Proposal, and develop more analysis of alternatives. The Board is encouraged to hear that a Temporary Data and Sample Sharing Agreement between Agnico Eagle and GN has been negotiated and that this will enable Agnico Eagle to update some of their prior submissions to incorporate this important data source.

However, the Board is concerned that sufficient information, identified by parties as essential to a thorough assessment, has not yet been provided with respect to the following key issues:

- Understanding of recent caribou movements around the site for consideration on potential impacts from intensification of mining activities;
- The potential for effects on caribou due to the windfarm; and
- The potential for a change to the impacts on surface and groundwater due to intensification of activities at the mine site if the Extension Proposal proceeds (such as additional underground operations, in-pit tailings deposition, and changes to the volume of surface and groundwater that may be transported via the Saline Effluent waterlines to Itivia Harbour).

In identifying these information gaps, the Board understands that, as indicated by Agnico Eagle and noted by the Government of Nunavut, there is a lack of information and/or uncertainty regarding the response of caribou to windfarms and the associated infrastructure. As is the case with many of the Board's impact assessments, in the face of uncertainty caused by a lack of baseline information, the Board applies the "precautionary approach". In applying this approach, the Board requires a Proponent to demonstrate that despite uncertainty, potential for significant adverse project effects can be limited by taking appropriate precautions and implementing adaptive management measures, and that improved accuracy for predictions could be gained through continued baseline data collection and monitoring. From a practical perspective, the precautionary approach does not mean that Agnico Eagle is tasked with eliminating uncertainty, nor is the Board expecting Agnico Eagle and all parties to have resolved all technical issues prior to a Public Hearing. During the technical component of the Board's Public Hearing, robust discussions, including differing opinions about the significance of predicted impacts, adaptive management, and proposed mitigation and monitoring of effects are expected. However, in light of the data gaps and associated uncertainty regarding the potential for adverse effects on caribou, the onus is on Agnico Eagle to provide sufficient detail regarding:

- Their plans in relation to monitoring for these effects;
- Adaptive management measures proposed to prevent or limit the potential for adverse effects;
- Determining thresholds that will trigger adaptive management measures; and

- The process for reviewing and adapting the Proponent's plans where necessary to respond if project effects are identified.

The Board notes that Agnico Eagle's commitment to suspend the operation of the windfarm during caribou migration is an example of implementing the precautionary approach, but the KIA, GN, KHTO, SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC all identified that important information regarding additional aspects of Agnico Eagle's plans to address the potential for effects on caribou remain to be provided and discussed amongst the parties.

The Board is aware that Agnico Eagle has established a Terrestrial Advisory Group (TAG) for the approved project to conduct discussions about impacts on caribou on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project and has proposed that the discussions of these details in the context of the Extension Proposal be deferred to the TAG in the future. However, at this point in the assessment of the Extension Proposal, the Board disagrees with Agnico Eagle's deferral to the TAG. The Board agrees with the concerns of parties that deferring all discussions of future monitoring, adaptive management plans, and thresholds to trigger adaptive management in respect of effects the windfarm may have on caribou does not ensure the Board has sufficient information on this topic during the Board's assessment to determine whether the Extension Proposal can proceed under the existing or modified terms and conditions of the Project Certificate.

In the Board's view, understanding the potential for the windfarm to have effects on caribou is a critical issue to Inuit and Indigenous communities in the region, and must be addressed in a substantive way prior to decision-making. The Board appreciates the recommendation by GN that a focused discussion of these issues takes place amongst Agnico Eagle, KIA, GN, KHTO, SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC before the Public Hearing and agrees that there would be a significant benefit to all parties. While the Board does not expect this meeting to resolve all outstanding issues on this topic, the Board anticipates that having a focused discussion on the issues identified in the four (4) bullet points above with all the interested parties at the table, and following parties' receipt and review of the additional information identified below, will assist parties to focus and streamline the discussions at the Public Hearing on this important topic. While the Board strongly encourages the parties to conduct this meeting/workshop, the Board views this activity as parallel to the Board's assessment process, the same as meetings between the Proponent and parties to resolve technical issues and identify commitments. Consequently, the Board would not be facilitating the meeting/workshop but would defer to the GN and Agnico Eagle to determine how best to conduct these focused discussions with the interested parties, with the expectation that parties will report back to the NIRB regarding the outcomes of the meeting/workshop relevant to the assessment of the Extension Proposal.

Additional Information Required

With respect to scheduling the Public Hearing, the Board has identified that the following additional information is required from Agnico Eagle in order for the Board and parties to meaningfully conduct the assessment of the Extension Proposal:

- Updated information regarding caribou movement on the mine site to reflect the data now shared by GN, the location of the wind turbines, and the intensification of the operations that would occur during the Extension Proposal;
- More detailed information regarding Agnico Eagle's selection criteria applicable to the selection of the location for the windfarm, including whether any alternative locations closer to Rankin Inlet were considered and whether alternative locations as proposed by KIA or KHTO were considered;
- Summary of discussions between Agnico Eagle and parties, key studies, required updated modelling, and any information needed to understand potential impacts regarding the alternative for in-pit waste rock and tailings deposition;
- An updated water quality and water balance model, specifically addressing the anticipated discharges to Meliadine Lake; and
- Barriers to Female Employment Study.

Scheduling of the Public Hearing

In the Board's view, Agnico Eagle's preferred dates of a Public Hearing in the third week of June would not allow sufficient time for Agnico Eagle to prepare and provide this additional information, allow for parties to review the information provided, hold a focused meeting/workshop on caribou issues, and file final written submissions at least 30 days in advance of a Public Hearing. While the Board fully appreciates Agnico Eagle's concerns about the impact of delaying the Public Hearing beyond the June dates proposed during the second Pre-Hearing Conference, in the Board's view additional time is required to ensure that the Board and parties have all the information necessary to adequately assess the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the Extension Proposal. The Board has also considered the concerns of all parties about conducting a Public Hearing during the summer season when attendance by community members may be limited. Although the Board respects that several parties expressed the view that it is premature for the Board to schedule the Public Hearing with crucial information still to be provided, the Board is confident that the timeline set out below will be sufficient to allow time for information to be received, reviewed and discussed by parties going into the Public Hearing. Parties are reminded that the Board does not expect all issues to be resolved prior to the Public Hearing, and recognizes that for some effects, data gaps and uncertainty may remain despite the best efforts of all parties to provide the information available. The Board acknowledges the significant progress that Agnico Eagle and the parties have made since the first Pre-Hearing Conference and encourages all parties to continue to have robust discussions with Agnico Eagle

and amongst themselves to focus on remaining outstanding issues and identify potential resolutions to the extent possible.

With these considerations in mind, the **Board has determined that it is reasonable to schedule a site visit and in-person Public Hearing in Rankin Inlet from September 12-20, 2023** (with no session scheduled on Sunday, September 17, 2023 as it is reserved as a day of rest). The Board has issued the following updated procedural guidance, including important timelines for the steps leading into the Public Hearing in September.

Site Visit

As requested during both Pre-Hearing Conferences, the Board agrees that, as permitted under Rule 27.1 of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the understanding of the Board, parties and Community Representatives regarding the changes proposed in the Extension Proposal to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project as previously approved by the Board would be greatly enhanced by a site visit. The Board appreciates Agnico Eagle's willingness to facilitate the site visit. The focus of the site visit will be on the changes, including new infrastructure, that are proposed under the Extension Proposal, and the Board will work with Agnico Eagle in respect of the logistics for the visit. The Board is requesting that the Board, Intervenors and Community Representatives attending the Public Hearing be able to participate in the site visit. The Board will provide an update regarding details such as the timing, agenda, pre-site visit requirements, *et cetera* in writing in advance of the site visit and in coordination with Agnico Eagle.

UPDATED PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE

While the Board has made every effort to establish a reasonable timeline associated with the next steps in the Board's assessment of the Extension Proposal, all parties should be advised that this procedural guidance, including the proposed timing and format of the Public Hearing, may be modified by the Board in future, if necessary, to reflect changed circumstances, including, but not limited to:

- Any party failing to meet the deadlines set by the Board;
- Travel or other logistical constraints affecting the ability of the community of Rankin Inlet to host the Board's in-person Public Hearing on the dates set by the Board; and
- If modifications are necessary to preserve the health and safety of the community and participants and/or to comply with directions or orders of public health authorities.

Timelines of Process Steps Prior to the Public Hearing

In establishing the following schedule, the Board considered the views of the parties in terms of requiring 60 days to review new information, the concerns expressed by KIA, NTI, and the KHTO regarding hosting a Public Hearing during the summer months, Agnico Eagle's request that the Intervenors file their final written submissions at least three (3) weeks prior to the Public Hearing and the Board's standard practices and applicable Rules of Procedure. On this basis, the Board

requires parties to meet the following timelines associated with the process steps required before the Public Hearing:

- **On April 3, 2023** the Board issues this update to the Board's December 2022 PHC Decision, including updated procedural guidance to the parties;
- **On or before Friday, April 14, 2023** the Board publishes Notice of the Public Hearing;
- **On or before Wednesday, May 23, 2023** Agnico Eagle files the additional information listed above with the Board;
- **On or before Wednesday, July 12, 2023** any party requiring French language simultaneous interpretation to participate in the Public Hearing advises the Board of their interpretation requirements;
- **On or before Wednesday, July 26, 2023** the Interveners, members of the public or other interested parties file their final written submissions in respect of the Extension Proposal with the Board;
- **On or before Wednesday, August 9, 2023** Agnico Eagle files their responses to parties' final written submissions and the Proponent's final written submissions in respect of the Extension Proposal;
- **On or before Wednesday, August 23, 2023** all parties must file the presentations/statements they intend to present to the Board during the Public Hearing; and
- **September 12-20, 2023** (excluding Sunday, September 17) the Board conducts the site visit and Public Hearing associated with the Extension Proposal in-person in Rankin Inlet.

Date, time, form, and location(s) of the Public Hearing

The parties have confirmed that they do not anticipate they will require the Board to deviate from the Board's normal *Rules of Procedure* (September 2009) and practices applicable to a Public Hearing. To ensure that all Community Representatives delegated to represent SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC can participate fully during the Public Hearing, the Board will coordinate with SDFN, NDFN, and ADNLC to have Dene language interpretation support available during the Public Hearing.

- **On September 12, 2023** (subject to confirmation by Agnico Eagle of this timing and logistics) Agnico Eagle hosts a site visit associated with the Public Hearing attended by the Board Members, Intervenor and Community Representatives attending the Public Hearing;
- **On September 13-15, 2023** the NIRB conducts the technical sessions of the Public Hearing (at a minimum, one (1) evening session will be scheduled for the technical sessions on September 14); and
- **On September 16, 18 and 19, 2023** the NIRB conducts the Community Roundtable component of the Public Hearing (at a minimum, one (1) evening session will be scheduled for the Community Roundtable on September 16); and

- **On the morning of September 20, 2023** parties provide their closing statements and the Board closes the in-person Public Hearing sessions.

CLOSURE

In closing, the Board thanks all who have participated in the Board's assessment of the Meliadine Extension Proposal to date. The Board's assessment has benefitted from the information and comments provided and knowledge shared. The Board looks forward to the continued collaboration of all parties as the assessment progresses to the Public Hearing.

APPENDIX A: LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADNLC	Athabasca Denesūliné Né Né Land Corporation
Agnico Eagle or Proponent	Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
AWAR	All-Weather Access Road
BCQMB	Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
CAAQS	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards
CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Extension Proposal or Proposal	“Meliadine Extension” Project Proposal
GN	Government of Nunavut
GoC	Government of Canada
HC	Health Canada
KHTO	Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization
KIA	Kivalliq Inuit Association
NDFN	Northlands Denesuline First Nation
NIRB or Board	Nunavut Impact Review Board
NRCan	Natural Resources Canada
NTI	Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
NWB	Nunavut Water Board
PHC	Pre-Hearing Conference
SDFN	Sayisi Dene First Nation
TAG	Terrestrial Advisory Group
TC	Transport Canada
TRC	Technical Review Comment

APPENDIX B: SUMMARY LISTINGS OF PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES IN COMMUNITY
ROUNDTABLE SESSION AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Project Proponent	Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Second Pre-Hearing Conference	March 16, 2023
Facilitator	Kaviq Kaluraq, NIRB Chairperson
NIRB legal counsel	Teresa Meadows, Meadows Law
Interpreter	Josie Tucktoo
NIRB Staff	Brydon Beattie Emily Koide Josie Tucktoo Karen Costello Keith Morrison Leah Klassen Robby Qammaniq Tara Arko
Nunavut Water Board	Karén Kharatyan
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	Jamie Quesnel Manon Turmel Lonny Syvret Jennifer Range Christine Kowbel Colleen Prather Emily Stockley
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	Hannah Uniuqsaraq Bert Dean Neida Gonzalez David Lee Raymond Mercer
Kivalliq Inuit Association	Luis Manzo Jeff Tulugak Jonathan Katz Matthew McDougall Anne Gunn Alan Sexton
Government of Nunavut	David Kunnuk Naomie Pudluk Bradley Pirie

	Daniel Haney Kamil Sameer Michelle Anderson Dianne Lapierre Shaanzeh Ataullahjan
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Environment and Climate Change Canada	Stephinie Mallon
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Jose Audet-Lecouffe Alasdair Beattie Paul Harper
Health Canada	Julie Anderson Joel Kaushansky Ninon Lyrette David Kitchen
Natural Resources Canada	Vikash Narine Pierre-Olivier Emond Peter Unger Eli Arkin
Transport Canada	Adam Downing
Northern Projects Management Office	Adrian Paradis Natalie D'Souza Alexie Baillargeon
Government of Canada – Department of Justice	Simon Gruda-Dolbec
Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization	Andre Aokaut
Arviq Hunters and Trappers Organization	John Ell Tinashlu Annie Angotialuk Dolly Mablik

Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation	Kelly Olsen Geoff Bussidor Dan Chranowski
Athabasca Denesuliné Né Né Land Corporation	Katie Rasmussen Ron Robillard