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Release of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Update to the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – April 3, 2023: In the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) December 22, 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal (Extension Proposal) the Board identified that the next steps in the Board's assessment would include a second Pre-Hearing Conference. On March 16, 2023, the NIRB completed the second Pre-Hearing Conference and has prepared an Update to the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision (PHC Decision Update).

In the Board's view, there remains key information gaps and sufficient time is required to ensure that the Board and parties have all the information necessary to adequately assess the potential impacts of the Extension Proposal. In considering outstanding issues as well as timelines suggested by the Proponent and parties, 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.**

As further described within the PHC Decision Update, the Board's proposed next steps include:

- **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 additional information (listed in the PHC Decision Update) 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;
- **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;
- **On or before Wednesday, August 9, 2023** Agnico Eagle files their responses to parties' final written submissions and the Proponent's final written submissions;
- **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) the Board conducts the site visit and Public Hearing associated with the Extension Proposal in-person in Rankin Inlet.

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.

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