



NIRB File No.: 11MN034
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To: Meliadine Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Logistics Information and Agenda for the NIRB Pre-Hearing Conference for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is providing the following logistical information and *Agenda* for the Pre-Hearing Conference for Agnico Eagle's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal (Extension Proposal) for the information of parties and Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or the Proponent).

Based on discussions and outcomes of the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference held in Rankin Inlet on November 23 to 25, 2022, the Board decided that it was premature to schedule the Public Hearing for this file. As set out in more detail in the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report for the Extension Proposal (PHC Report),¹ the Board concluded that there were significant outstanding technical comments that parties indicated are necessary to be addressed before they could complete their technical review of the Extension Proposal. Allowing for sufficient time for the Proponent to file supplemental information followed by an opportunity for parties to review and comment, the Board proposed hosting a half-day Pre-Hearing Conference in the week of March 13-17, 2023.

Parties and the Proponent are invited to review the attached Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda and provide the Board with feedback regarding the logistics for the Pre-Hearing Conference to be held on **March 16, 2023** by teleconference.

¹ Nunavut Impact Review 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). Public Registry ID: 342499

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE DETAILS

Similar to the Pre-Hearing Conference held in Rankin Inlet on November 25, 2022, this Pre-Hearing Conference will focus on determining the specific steps and processes required to complete the assessment. This includes matters such as: determining the timing and format for parties to present their evidence to the Board; timelines for the exchange of any additional documents and information required by parties for the proceedings; finalization of issues to be discussed in the proceedings; or other matters as determined by parties. The Pre-Hearing Conference is meant to provide parties with an opportunity to confirm agreement to the list of commitments and identify issues that have been resolved since the previous Pre-Hearing Conference, and those issues which remain outstanding. The Board will consider these when issuing a Pre-Hearing Conference Decision and providing direction to the Proponent and parties on what steps are required to schedule a Public Hearing for this assessment.

MEETING LOGISTICS

Interpretation: The Pre-Hearing Conference will be held in English with interpretation provided to the extent practicable on an as needed basis. Parties requiring interpretation must inform the NIRB of the language needs by **February 21, 2023**.

Facilitator: The Pre-Hearing Conference will be facilitated by the NIRB Chairperson.

Materials: Access to the digital copy of all materials contained within the Board’s public registry for the “Meliadine Extension” Project Proposal, will be available on www.nirb.ca/project/125684.

Meeting times: The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. (CST) and run until 12:00 p.m. (CST), with a 15-minute health break.

Teleconference Details: Prior to the meeting, registered participants will be provided the MS Teams and teleconference call-in information.

The NIRB requests that parties provide a list of attendees by **February 28, 2023**, including name, position and respective area of expertise or authority, and email. Parties should also indicate which person will be the key speaker for the proceedings.

NEXT STEPS

The next steps in the NIRB’s assessment of Agnico Eagle’s “Meliadine Extension” Proposal have been outlined as follows for the information of parties. Please note that the Board reserves the right to revise the next steps and timelines if circumstances dictate:

Dates	Process Step
February 21, 2023	Parties and Proponent to provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any interpretation language requirements that may be required; and ▪ Any requests for specific logistical arrangements.
February 28, 2023	Parties, Proponent and Media Outlets to provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A list of representatives for the party that wish to attend the teleconference, including name, position and respective area of expertise or authority, email, and key speaker. ▪ Any request by public media outlets to cover the proceedings.
2:00 pm MST February 28, 2023	Parties and members of the public provide written comments on the Commitments List and supplemental information provided by Agnico Eagle.
March 2023 (dates to be confirmed)	NIRB-led Community Information Sessions in Northern Manitoba and Northern Saskatchewan. Specific correspondence with dates and locations will be distributed to parties as soon as details are confirmed.
March 16, 2023	The NIRB to host a half-day Pre-Hearing Conference (conducted via MS Teams/teleconference).
To be determined	NIRB Public Hearing.

All documentation filed with the Board in respect of the on-going assessment of the Extension Proposal can be accessed online via the NIRB’s public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125684.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the next steps in the Board’s assessment of the “Meliadine Extension” Project Proposal, please contact the undersigned at kmorrison@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4617, or Emily Koide at ekoide@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4612.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A –Agenda for Agnico Eagle’s Meliadine Extension Project Proposal

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APPENDIX A:
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AGENDA

File No.: 11MN034 – Meliadine Extension Project Proposal
Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Facilitator: Kaviq Kaluraq, NIRB Chairperson
Dates: March 16, 2023
Location: Teleconference/MS Teams
Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm CST;
All times given in Central Time are approximate and are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion.

General Opening:

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (35 minutes)
 - a. Objectives of Pre-hearing Conference
 - b. Overview of the NIRB process to date and status of the assessment
 - c. Introduction of Participants
 - d. Overview of Agenda
 - e. Housekeeping items

Pre-Hearing Conference

1. Identification of any issues preventing the reconvening of a Public Hearing (both NIRB and/or parties)
2. Discussion and facilitation of the Public Hearing processes – parties at the table will be given an opportunity to comment on the following:
 - a. Recap of discussion items from the November 25, 2022 Pre-Hearing Conference held in Rankin Inlet.
 - b. Anticipated date, time, form, and location(s) to reconvene the Public Hearing;
 - c. Timetable for the exchange of additional documents and information requests prior to the Public Hearing;
 - d. Confirmation of commitments list by parties;
 - e. Finalization of issues for the Public Hearing, and identification of interested parties to attend the Public Hearing;
 - f. Logistics arrangement, equipment, language, interpretation, translation, and transcript requirements; and
 - g. Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the Public Hearing.
3. Closing remarks from parties
4. NIRB closing remarks and next steps

Close of Pre-hearing Conference