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MELIADINE EXTENSION PROJECT PROPOSAL
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12	M. Hickes	Community Representative
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19	L. Nukik	Community Representative

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21 HAMLET OF WHALE COVE (REGISTERED SPEAKERS)

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15	D. Bigeye	Community Representative
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19	M.N. Pacquette	Community Representative
20	D. McDonald	Community Representative
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1 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 9:09 AM)

2 Opening Remarks

3 THE CHAIR: My name is Kaviq Kaluraq, and
4 I'm the chairperson of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.
5 On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome you to
6 the start of the NIRB public hearing associated with
7 the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
8 Meliadine extension proposal, which is the modification
9 of the existing Meliadine Gold Mine project.

10 For those of you attending in Rankin Inlet,
11 welcome to Rankin, and for those of you participating
12 over the audio-video link, thank you for your
13 participation.

14 Just before we begin, I would like to ask you to
15 turn off your cell phones or put them on "silent"
16 before we begin. Before the meeting starts, we are
17 starting the meeting with an opening prayer given by
18 Lootie Toomasie.

19 Opening Prayer

20 THE CHAIR: Just before we begin, I would
21 like to invite Harry Towtongie, Mayor of Rankin Inlet,
22 to give opening remarks. Harry.

23 MR. TOWTONGIE: Thank you.

24 I would like to welcome -- I would like to welcome
25 you to Rankin Inlet, all the people -- all of you from
26 different communities, lands, from Saskatchewan, from

1 all over Kivalliq. So our community is developing.
2 Everything is good, and there are some things that are
3 growing that are unfamiliar with us.

4 Before I talk, I want to acknowledge the Elders
5 that are here, and I would want you to listen to the
6 Elders and heed them, but we also have to communicate
7 with the youth and share knowledge with them. We have
8 to consider the future and, when dealing with what we
9 are doing, always consider the future so that they can
10 also be aware and inform the development going on. And
11 I want to encourage all of you, if you have something
12 to say, speak out because in the coming days there will
13 be less opportunity to address your concerns.

14 But welcome to Rankin Inlet and feel free to
15 ask -- the deputy mayor will be in attendance here, so
16 welcome to Rankin Inlet. Make yourself at home.
17 Welcome and mahsi cho. Thank you.

18 THE INTERPRETER: I can't hear her. I can only
19 hear myself.

20 THE CHAIR: (NO ENGLISH FEED) however, we
21 were saddened to hear that there have been several
22 deaths in the community in this past week, and the
23 Board is thinking a lot of those who are gone. We'd
24 like to have a moment of silence.

25 (MOMENT OF SILENCE)

26 THE CHAIR: Before we move too far into

1 the details on the Board's assessment, I want to
2 describe the format of this hearing so everyone is
3 aware of all the participants here in the room or
4 participating through the audio-visual feed.

5 Following the end of the public health orders
6 required during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has
7 returned to its in-person proceedings.

8 Sorry. I'm just -- I usually follow along in
9 Inuktitut, so -- and I've been trying to find the right
10 channel.

11 The Board continues to prioritize holding the
12 hearing in person in the closest potentially impacted
13 community to allow the public to participate and to
14 speak to the parties and the Board directly. However,
15 due to the limits on the availability of hotel rooms in
16 Rankin Inlet and with the number of intervenors
17 participating in this assessment, the Board has
18 provided an audio-video link for this hearing so that
19 parties providing support to the representatives in the
20 room can view the proceedings remotely and will be able
21 to speak to provide follow-up support, if required.

22 For everyone participating by the audio-visual
23 feed, be assured that we're linked to you, and if you
24 need to speak up as experts, we will hear you.

25 As we may be switching back and forth between the
26 in-person video and audio links during the hearing, we

1 ask everyone to be patient in waiting for your turn to
2 speak. Agnico Eagle and formal intervenors have
3 provided the Board with a list of key speakers who will
4 be my primary contact. When a question is directed to
5 the proponent or intervenors, I will direct the
6 question to your key speaker, who can then turn the
7 microphone over to the member of their team who will
8 answer.

9 If you're participating by Zoom, when your name is
10 called, please click on the "raise your hand" button at
11 the bottom of the screen, and this will help the techs
12 identify you more quickly so that they can unmute your
13 line and turn on your camera.

14 So that everyone is aware, because the Board has
15 prioritized in-person participation, although the Board
16 will do everything we can to ensure that the remote
17 link remains stable and available, as we all know,
18 sometimes the technology is interrupted due to
19 circumstances outside of the Board's control. If this
20 occurs, the Board will continue with the in-person
21 proceedings as planned. We thank everyone in advance
22 for your flexibility and patience as we work through
23 any interruptions in remote access.

24 Simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings is
25 being provided throughout the meetings from
26 interpreters here in Rankin Inlet. In the Zoom feed,

1 you can choose the language feed you want to hear, but
2 when you go to speak, you may have to turn off the
3 interpretation feed to provide feedback.

4 For the people here in Rankin Inlet, receivers are
5 available from the sign-in table, and the receivers are
6 set to Channel 1, floor sound; Channel 2 in English;
7 Channel 3, Inuktitut; and Channel 4 in Dene.

8 If you are having trouble hearing the proceedings,
9 please see our technical support, Ryan Dempster, from
10 Pido at the side of the room. If you're having issues
11 with the online feed, please email Emily Koide at
12 ekoide@nirb.ca.

13 Just a quick reminder to everyone participating in
14 this hearing that no one is permitted to record or
15 rebroadcast the images, video, or audio of these
16 proceedings in any form without the express written
17 consent of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

18 Failing to follow these directions may result in
19 sanctions by the Board, including suspending access to
20 the live feed or being asked to leave the hall.

21 The NIRB is generating a transcript from these
22 proceedings, which will be available through --
23 following the hearing on the NIRB's public registry.

24 Now that you know how to participate in our
25 proceedings, I will give you some background about the
26 purpose and process of this hearing. As I stated

1 already, I am Kaviq Kaluraq, the chairperson of the
2 Nunavut Impact Review Board, and I'm from Baker Lake.
3 I have served continuously with the Board since my
4 first term in 2010. With me are my fellow board
5 members. We are the decision-makers for this
6 assessment. I will now turn over the microphone for
7 them to introduce themselves in order. Starting from
8 the far end of the table with Guy.

9 MR. ALIKUT: (INUKTITUT SPOKEN - NO
10 TRANSLATION)

11 MS. EMRICK: Good morning. My name is
12 Catherine Emrick. I'm from Calgary, and this is my
13 sixth year serving as a board member. Thank you.

14 MR. KADLUN-OMINGMAKYOK: I'm Phillip
15 Kadlun-Omingmakyok, and I'm from -- (NO ENGLISH
16 TRANSLATION).

17 MR. EHALOOK: (NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION) and
18 this is my second term.

19 MR. KUSUGAK: I'm Peter Kusugak in Victoria
20 Beach. I've been on the Board for two years now.

21 THE CHAIR: And before we continue on with
22 the introductions, Teresa has a procedural issue to
23 address. Legal counsel?
24 Procedural Matters by Nunavut Impact Review Board Legal
25 Counsel

26 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut
2 Impact Review Board.

3 So, Madam Chair, first I would just like to
4 address a couple of quick points. The first is that,
5 unfortunately, a board member Henry Ohokannoak, who was
6 wanting to be here and wanting to join you for this
7 public hearing and was also continued -- his term was
8 continued in order to be able to be a decision-maker
9 for this -- this assessment, his flights were
10 cancelled, and so he was unable to join us. He is
11 stranded currently in Yellowknife and will not be able
12 to attend. So I just wanted to note Henry passed along
13 his deep regrets. He really wished to be with you all,
14 but unfortunately the flights were not cooperating.

15 And then a second quick point is just in respect
16 of the Board's introductions, I wanted to mention that,
17 as we all know, Nunavut's population is relatively
18 small, and as a result it is not unusual for the Board,
19 when considering a mining proposal, that some of the
20 Board members may have close friends or family members
21 or other relatives working for the intervenors or the
22 proponent of the project.

23 As these circumstances are quite common, the Board
24 has internal procedures in place to ensure that these
25 relationships are disclosed and that the objectivity of
26 the Board's decision-making process is maintained.

1 In this case, as some of you may already know,
2 Peter Kusugak, who is familiar to people in
3 Rankin Inlet and has relatives still living in
4 Rankin Inlet, has a nephew who is employed by Agnico
5 Eagle Mines Limited. To address this, the Board has
6 implemented our internal procedures so that Peter can
7 continue to be related to his nephew but also so that
8 he can continue to act as a decision-maker for the
9 file.

10 If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding
11 these circumstances and the Board's procedures, I
12 encourage you to seek me out, and I can provide you
13 with more details about what the Board does to ensure
14 the integrity of our process.

15 Thank you, Madam Chair. Those are my procedural
16 matters.

17 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Teresa.

18 Today the Panel or the Board is supported by the
19 following people . When I say your name, I ask that you
20 wave so that people can see you. Online we have our
21 interim executive director, Ryan Barry; and here in
22 Rankin Inlet we have our director of technical
23 services, Tara Arko; manager of project monitoring,
24 Kelli Gillard in the back ; Technical Advisor III,
25 Emily Koide; Technical Advisor II, Leah Klaassen; and
26 administrative support, Lena Atatahak. Also joining us

1 is our legal counsel, Teresa Meadows, of Meadows Law.

2 For simultaneous interpretation we have
3 interpreters Josie Tuktoo, NIRB staff member
4 coordinating the interpretation team, joined by Mary
5 Rose Angoshadluk and Bernadette Dean in Inuktitut, and
6 in Dene, Daniel Alphonse -- is that how you say your
7 last name? Okay -- and Nancy Pacquette-Mercredi.

8 Assisting us with our sound system, video-link
9 interpretation, and sound recording, we have from Pido,
10 Ryan Dempster, and it looks like Veronica -- Veronica
11 Connolly is also supporting.

12 To ensure an accurate record of the public
13 hearing, we'll be keeping a transcript of these
14 proceedings. We have Sandra Burns. Where are they?
15 Okay. It's a different set-up from before. Sorry.
16 Sandra Burns and Derek Lopez, court reporters from
17 Dicta Court Reporting, here to prepare the transcript.
18 To assist our court reporters, I ask that all parties
19 please state their name before they speak every time.

20 (UNREPORTABLE SOUND)

21 THE CHAIR: Just a reminder to please put
22 your cell phones on silent. They're very distracting
23 in trying to hear people.

24 Now that you know the Board and support staff, I
25 want to give you some details about the purpose,
26 structure, and agenda for the public hearing.

1 The Board is holding this public hearing to hear
2 evidence, ask questions, and listen to comments,
3 concerns, and knowledge shared by intervenors,
4 community representatives, and members of the public in
5 order to assess the potential ecosystemic and
6 socioeconomic effects of Agnico Eagle Mine's Limited
7 Meliadine extension proposal, which is a modification
8 of Agnico Eagle's existing Meliadine Gold Mine project.

9 Agnico Eagle's assessment of the potential effects
10 of the project proposal has been filed with the Board
11 in the form of an addendum to the final environmental
12 impact statement and builds on the Board's previous
13 assessment of the Meliadine Gold Mine project.

14 The addendum and supporting documentation provided
15 by Agnico Eagle has been reviewed and commented on by
16 the formal intervenors currently around the table who
17 will be asking questions and making presentations about
18 their interventions during the technical part of this
19 hearing over the next two days.

20 When the technical sessions conclude, the Board
21 will start the community roundtable part of this
22 hearing. During the community roundtable, community
23 representatives here in Rankin Inlet will move to
24 occupy the seats around the table, and the general
25 public in attendance will have the opportunity to
26 express their views, share their knowledge, and ask

1 questions of Agnico Eagle and the intervenors regarding
2 this change to the Meliadine Gold Mine project.

3 At the close of the community roundtable session
4 on Tuesday, a single spokesperson chosen by each
5 community will give short closing remarks summarizing
6 if their community's concerns have been addressed and
7 if the community supports the proposal going ahead or
8 not.

9 I want to emphasize how important it is that
10 everyone participate fully in this hearing to ensure
11 that the Board has a full and fair basis for our
12 decision and recommendations. The Board has structured
13 this hearing to support this participation to the
14 greatest extent possible.

15 After the public hearing has concluded and the
16 public hearing record is closed, the Board will
17 determine whether or not to -- the proposed amendment
18 should be allowed to proceed to the permitting stage
19 based on all the evidence, information, knowledge,
20 comments, and concerns provided to the Board throughout
21 the assessment.

22 Within 45 days from the close of the public
23 hearing record, the Board will provide its final report
24 and recommendations to the Minister of Northern Affairs
25 and other responsible government ministers for their
26 consideration.

1 If the Board decides that the changes proposed by
2 Agnico Eagle can go ahead, the Board will also make
3 recommendations in respect of any changes or additions
4 to the terms and conditions of the existing Meliadine
5 project certificate that are required to limit
6 potential impacts.

7 The responsible ministers will then have the
8 option of accepting, varying, or rejecting the Board's
9 report and associated recommendations as set out under
10 the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and
11 Project Assessment Act.

12 Hard copies of the agenda are available on the
13 tables at the back of the room. Please pick one up and
14 follow along. All times quoted in the agenda are in
15 central time. Unless I advise otherwise, we will start
16 each day at 9 AM and break at 5 PM for dinner. The
17 proceedings will start with technical sessions today,
18 include a site visit this afternoon, and continue
19 through Friday.

20 We will continue with the community roundtable
21 starting on Saturday, a day off on Sunday, and resume
22 the community roundtable sessions on Monday and Tuesday
23 of next week.

24 Closing remarks from regulators and intervenors
25 will be discussed on Wednesday, September 20th,
26 followed by close of proceedings by noon.

1 Evening sessions are scheduled for tomorrow and
2 Monday, September 18, to provide an opportunity during
3 both the technical sessions and community roundtable
4 for members of the public who may work during the day
5 to attend, hear the proceeding, and ask questions.

6 Evening sessions start at 6:30 PM and finish at
7 9 PM. The Board may require additional evening
8 sessions to keep up with the agenda, and we will
9 provide as much notice as possible. Generally we will
10 have one 15-minute break in the morning and one in the
11 afternoon. I will let everyone know when we're coming
12 up to break time. We generally break for lunch at
13 12 PM and reconvene at 1:15 PM. Coffee and tea are
14 provided in the hall during the meetings.

15 Now that we have gone through the structure of the
16 meetings, I'll provide a short description about the
17 changes to the Meliadine project being considered by
18 the Board and the steps that have been completed in the
19 NIRB's assessment to date.

20 We'll be hearing directly from Agnico Eagle with a
21 more detailed project description following this
22 introduction, so I will keep my remarks brief.

23 The Meliadine Gold Mine project is owned by
24 and since 2015 has been operated by Agnico Eagle Mines
25 Limited. The project is located approximately
26 25 kilometres north of Rankin Inlet and encompasses

1 open-pit and underground mines to reach five key gold
2 deposits connected by an all-season access road as well
3 as a bypass road to facilities at Itivia Harbour.

4 With its Meliadine extension proposal, Agnico
5 Eagle is seeking to extend current components of the
6 project, add new components, and extend the mine life
7 by eleven years to 2043. Some key activities include
8 ongoing use of existing infrastructure at the mine; an
9 all-season access road and road to Itivia Harbour;
10 extend open-pit access for specific targets to
11 underground mining access and develop additional
12 infrastructure and portals to support the additional
13 access; construct a wind farm, including 11 wind
14 turbines with associated infrastructure and access
15 roads; and increase employment and camp infrastructure
16 to accommodate additional personnel.

17 The current Meliadine extension proposal was
18 referred to the NIRB for assessment on April 1, 2022.
19 After the Board received clarification from Agnico
20 Eagle and input from parties on the proposal in
21 June 2022, the NIRB determined that the assessment of
22 the Meliadine extension proposal would proceed as a
23 formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of
24 Project Certificate Number 006 under Section 12.8.2 of
25 the Nunavut Agreement and Section 112 of the Nunavut
26 Planning and Project Assessment Act.

1 In August 2022, the NIRB reviewed Agnico Eagle's
2 assessment of the potential impacts of the proposal
3 provided in the final impact statement addendum and
4 determined the addendum conformed to the Board's
5 guidelines and initiated the technical review process.

6 As part of the technical review process,
7 intervenors and interested parties provided information
8 requests and technical review comments on the proposal,
9 and Agnico Eagle responded by providing additional
10 information, comments, and responses.

11 The NIRB held community information sessions in
12 the communities identified by the responsible minister
13 as potentially affected by the proposal in Arviat,
14 Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, and Whale
15 Cove in early September 2022.

16 The technical meeting community roundtable and
17 prehearing conference for the file was held in person
18 here in Rankin Inlet in November 2022, and due to the
19 number of issues still requiring clarification, an
20 additional prehearing conference was held on March 16,
21 2003.

22 As a result of additional direction from Crown
23 Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
24 provided to the Board on February 28, 2023, additional
25 community information sessions were held in communities
26 in northern Saskatchewan and northern Manitoba in early

1 March 2023.

2 Following the second prehearing conference on
3 April 14, the Board determined that the assessment
4 could progress to the public hearing stage, and the
5 NIRB announced the dates and format of this public
6 hearing.

7 For anyone interested in looking at any of the
8 documentation associated with the Board's assessment of
9 the Meliadine extension proposal, please see or contact
10 the NIRB staff, and they can provide you with an
11 opportunity to review electronic copies of anything you
12 might need. This documentation is also available from
13 the Board's online public registry, and our staff can
14 direct you to the relevant part of the website.

15 Now I turn to some remaining housekeeping items.
16 I'd like to notify all participants that these
17 proceedings are being attended by media
18 representatives. If members of the media are attending
19 in person, we ask that you sign in as you enter the
20 hall and wear a press badge or similar identification
21 throughout these proceedings so that it is clear to
22 parties which media outlet you're representing.

23 Any participants who are approached by the media,
24 it remains up to you as to whether you wish to speak
25 with the media. We ask that media interviews be
26 conducted outside this room and remind all media that

1 the Board prohibits recording of these proceedings in
2 any format without the Board's express written consent.

3 We also ask the media joining the proceedings
4 through the audio-visual feeds must provide notice to
5 Ryan Barry, the Board's interim executive director at
6 rbarry@nirb.ca, and inquiries for information for media
7 representatives should also be sent to Ryan.

8 The Board welcomes the media providing information
9 about these proceedings to those who cannot attend.
10 However, I remind everyone that the Board staff and the
11 Board themselves cannot take questions or provide
12 interviews to the media or make public comments
13 regarding these meetings while we are underway.

14 In the interest of time, I'm going to ask the key
15 speakers for each party to introduce your entire team
16 by listing the names of the people who will be
17 participating in the proceedings this week. And I'll
18 start with Agnico Eagle, Manon Turmel.

19 MS. TURMEL: Thank you, Madam Chair. Manon
20 Turmel with Agnico Eagle.

21 So for our team, we have Colleen Prather
22 permitting technical advisor, water and waste. We have
23 Jennifer Range, regulatory specialist. We have Edward
24 Malindzak, permitting specialist, aquatics. We have
25 Sophie Lacourse, permitting specialist, social and
26 land. Unfortunately he is not here this morning; his

1 plane was cancelled. David Kritterdlik should join us
2 hopefully in the coming days. We have Pujjut Kusugak
3 director, Nunavut affairs. We have Alex Buchan,
4 director of Nunavut affairs stakeholder engagement. We
5 have Luc Chouinard, project manager, Meliadine
6 extension; Matt Gillman, environmental superintendent;
7 Sara Savoie, environment, general supervisor. We have
8 Nicholas Allen, project manager, Nunavut
9 decarbonization. We have Geoff Neville, health and
10 safety, general supervisor. We have Janice Aggark,
11 community liaison officer from Chesterfield Inlet, and
12 we also have attending online Jamie Quesnel, director,
13 permitting and regulatory affairs. And supporting the
14 Agnico team we have Christine Kowbel, legal counsel
15 with Lawson Lundell. We have Brad Armstrong, legal
16 counsel with Lawson Lundell. We have Daniel Coulton,
17 consultant with WSP, a senior wildlife biologist; Greg
18 Sharam, a consultant with ERM, a senior wildlife
19 biologist; and, finally, Victor Young, consultant with
20 WSP, acoustic scientist. Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 THE CHAIR: Moving on to Nunavut Tunngavik
22 Incorporated, Paul Irngaut.

23 MR. NIRLUNGAYUK: Thank you very much.

24 Paul Irngaut is not here right now, but he will be
25 here on Friday.

26 THE INTERPRETER: We can't hear him. We can't

1 hear him.

2 MR. NIRLUNGAYUK: The people from NTI, Bert Dean
3 is here also, and Raymond Mercer is also here, and Ezra
4 is also present. And sitting next to me, Neida
5 Gonzalez. Also online, Hannah Uniuqsaraq from Iqaluit
6 and Philip Lavallee [phonetic]; also David Lee,
7 biologist; and Dominique Nouvet.

8 Thank you, Madam Chair.

9 THE CHAIR: Kivalliq Inuit Association,
10 Luis Manzo.

11 MR. MANZO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 My name is Luis Manzo. Kivalliq Inuit Association
13 will be represented here by the CEO, Gabriel Karlik,
14 and we will have staff from KIA in and out of this
15 room, Brenda Osmond and Craig Beardsall, Maria Serra.
16 We also have our legal advisor, Johnny Katz, in the
17 audience; Alan Sexton for geophysics and mining; Anne
18 Gunn, a biologist; Matthew McDougall, water chemistry;
19 and Qilak Kusugak for socioeconomics; and I think
20 that's everyone.

21 Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Naomie
23 Pudluk. Is she here? Stephen Atkinson.

24 MR. ATKINSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 The Government of Nunavut representatives were
26 unable to get here from Iqaluit yesterday. I'm Stephen

1 Atkinson, a consultant for the government of -- for
2 wildlife biology. Thank you.

3 THE CHAIR: Crown Indigenous Relations and
4 Northern Affairs Canada, Spencer Dewar.

5 MR. DEWAR: Thank you.

6 My name is Spencer Dewar. I'm the director of
7 resource management with Crown-Indigenous Relations and
8 Northern Affairs Canada. With me today is Felexce
9 Ngwa, the manager of impact assessment; Amal Roy,
10 senior environmental assessment specialist; Michael
11 Staniewski, environmental policy analyst; and we have
12 Tony Brown with Arcadis. Also online we have Joseph
13 McHattie, who is with the Department of Justice, and
14 he'll be the Government of Canada's counsel.
15 Qujannamiik.

16 THE CHAIR: Environment and Climate Change
17 Canada, Sarah Forte.

18 MS. SHORE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 I'm actually Victoria Shore, senior environmental
20 assessment officer with Environment and Climate Change
21 Canada. Unfortunately, Sara had some mix-ups with the
22 airline, so she won't be joining us in person. She's
23 our water quality analyst, and she will be joining
24 online. Also online, we will have Stephinie Mallon,
25 environmental assessment officer, and our environmental
26 assessment head, Eva Walker. Thank you.

1 THE CHAIR: Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
2 Jose Audet-Lecouffe.

3 MR. HARPER: Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 Actually, I'm Paul Harper, a biologist with
5 Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Jose Audet-Lecouffe is
6 joining us online today, and he will be here Thursday.
7 He couldn't get a flight in. And also online we have
8 Alasdair Beattie, our team lead, listening in. Thank
9 you.

10 THE CHAIR: Health Canada, Julie Anderson.

11 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 I am Julie Anderson, impact assessment specialist,
13 Health Canada. I will be joined in person this week by
14 Joel Kaushansky, impact assessment specialist, and
15 Wendy Wilson, senior environmental health advisor, and
16 online by Ninon Lyrette, environmental health
17 specialist. Wendy is travelling today but will be here
18 tomorrow. Thank you.

19 THE CHAIR: Natural Resources Canada,
20 Peter Unger.

21 MR. UNGER: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm
22 Peter Unger with the impact assessment division at
23 Natural Resources Canada. With me I have
24 Pierre-Olivier Edmond, who is the manager of impact
25 assessment and indigenous consultation in our
26 explosives safety and security branch. You can wave.

1 And then online we will have two experts: Jennifer
2 Cole and Richard -- Richard Goulet. Thank you very
3 much.

4 THE CHAIR: Transport Canada, Adam
5 Downing.

6 MR. DOWNING: Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 Adam Downing. I'm the regional senior
8 environmental supervisor for the prairie northern
9 region of Transport Canada, and joining me on the 15th
10 in the community portion will be Roslyn King, a member
11 of the major resource development projects and
12 aboriginal consultation team within Transport Canada as
13 well.

14 THE CHAIR: Anybody here from the
15 Kangiqliniq Hunters and Transport organization?

16 MR. PILAKAPSI: I'm Roger Pilakapsi for
17 Kangiqliniq HTO.

18 THE CHAIR: State your name, please.

19 MR. PILAKAPSI: Roger Pilakapsi from Rankin.

20 THE CHAIR: Sayisi First Nations, Geoff
21 Bussidor.

22 THE INTERPRETER: I can't hear.

23 MR. BUSSIDOR: (NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION) come
24 here. His name is Kelly Olson, who works for Myers.
25 Dan Chranowski was supposed to -- he's a biologist. He
26 was -- and he was -- what he mentioned earlier, the

1 people that were supposed to come here with him, their
2 plane was still delayed, so they'll be coming sometime
3 this afternoon.

4 THE CHAIR: Northlands Sayisi Dene First
5 Nations.

6 MR. DENECHZHE: Good morning, Madam Chair.

7 My name is Benjamin Denechezhe. I'm the chief
8 negotiator for Northlands First Nation. Joining me
9 today is Kelly Olson, a lawyer for the Myers firm, and
10 Dan Chranowski for -- a wildlife biologist, Matrix
11 Solution, and, unfortunately, our community rep won't
12 be able to be here 'til this afternoon or sometime, and
13 the name is Napoleon Denechezhe and Thomas Shaoullie
14 and Modest Antsanen.

15 Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 THE CHAIR: I think there's a technical
17 issue. When one language is coming through, the other
18 one is not coming through. We can't hear it. Okay.
19 Yeah. I can hear now. It's working. Athabasca
20 Denesuline Ne Ne Land Corporation, Katie Rasmussen.

21 MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 Ron Robillard, the chief negotiator for the
23 Athabasca Denesuline Ne Ne Land Corporation, was not
24 able to be here today, but with me beside me I have
25 Chief Bart Tsannie, Chief Coreen Sayazie from Black
26 Lake. Chief Kevin Mercredi will be joining us on

1 Friday, and so we have Diane McDonald at the end who is
2 from Fond Du Lac and a board member of the ADNLC. We
3 also have community members from Hatchet Lake, Peter
4 Gazandlare and Mary Denechezhe; from Black Lake, Jimmy
5 Laban; and from Fond Du Lac, Louie Mercredi and
6 Napoleon Pacquette. Thank you.

7 THE CHAIR: Before I turn things over to
8 Agnico Eagle, just some final housekeeping matters.
9 For those of you not familiar with the hall here in
10 Rankin Inlet, the washrooms are located outside this
11 room in the lobby area. Exits are located through the
12 main doors to the lobby and on the side of the room at
13 the front and back corners.

14 And, lastly, to ensure that everyone has a
15 reasonable opportunity to participate in these
16 meetings, the Board requests that everyone respect the
17 following board directions: We are proud and
18 respectful of our Elders. We are going to give them --
19 we're always going to ensure that we give them the
20 first opportunity to speak, and if there is anybody who
21 wishes to speak, make sure that you have written your
22 name by the door so -- and then we are going to write
23 down and jot down people's names, and so you'll be
24 going in that order as we write down and jot down your
25 names. Thank you.

26 To meet the time requirements for presentations

1 and questions and -- as a result, the schedule remains
2 somewhat flexible. Consequently, the Board asks that
3 all participants bear with us as we adjust to reflect
4 the needs of the participants and the Board throughout
5 these meetings.

6 To make the best use of our time, please respect
7 the timelines set out in the agenda and the time I've
8 set for breaks and return promptly to the proceedings.
9 We have a lot to cover during these hearings, and we
10 cannot wait for late arrivals.

11 For all participants, please do not interrupt.
12 When a person is speaking, please do not begin speaking
13 until I say your name, as I'm often waiting for the
14 interpreters to finish their work before we turn to
15 another speaker.

16 For community representatives, as set out in the
17 agenda for the community roundtable, next week we're
18 starting on Saturday. There will be an orderly
19 opportunity for you to ask questions during the
20 community roundtable about the topics included in the
21 various technical presentations during the first few
22 days of the hearing.

23 Please keep track of your questions and comments
24 for our discussions during the community roundtable.

25 For the sake of our interpreters and all the
26 participants, when it is your turn to speak, please use

1 a microphone, state your name and your community or who
2 you're representing, then speak clearly and at a
3 reasonable pace.

4 Also, please do not use abbreviations and acronyms
5 and be mindful that some terms may require our
6 interpreters to take time to explain in detail. So
7 please be aware of the interpreters and pause when it
8 appears they need extra time to explain what you're
9 saying.

10 Please turn your cell phones and electronic
11 devices to "silent". The Board asks all participants
12 joining the proceedings to be patient with each other
13 and the Board, as the technology we use may result in
14 interruptions and limitations that are outside of the
15 parties' and the Board's control.

16 And, finally, I would like to remind everyone that
17 comments intended to denigrate or belittle the views or
18 comments of other participants or are simply intended
19 to disrupt the proceedings are not appropriate and may
20 result in the Board sanctioning such commenters.

21 The Board recognizes that parties may have very
22 different and strong opinions about this assessment,
23 but we appreciate everyone sharing their views in a way
24 that is respectful and productive, and we thank all
25 parties in advance for participating in this hearing in
26 that spirit. The Board appreciates everyone's

1 contribution to a respectful and productive hearing.

2 And before we go on to deal with any procedural
3 matters before the first presentation, we'll take a
4 15-minute break.

5 (ADJOURNMENT)

6 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everyone. I
7 will now proceed to deal with any motions or objections
8 filed with the Board in respect of this public hearing.
9 I will now turn the microphone over to the Board's
10 legal counsel, Teresa Meadows, to deal with any -- with
11 each of the motions and preliminary matters.

12 Legal counsel.

13 Procedural Matters by Nunavut Impact Review Board Legal
14 Counsel

15 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
16 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
17 Review Board.

18 Madam Chair, I have no notice of any motions
19 received in writing by the Board or any motions
20 received in oral form this morning. So I have no
21 additional procedural matters for this agenda item.

22 THE CHAIR: We will now proceed with the
23 start of the technical session and Agenda Item 5.
24 During this part of the technical sessions,
25 Agnico Eagle will deliver an overview presentation of
26 the components and activities associated with the

1 Meliadine extension proposal.

2 We will begin with Agnico Eagle's 45-minute
3 presentation: during the introduction, project
4 overview, summary of engagement, and response to final
5 written submissions.

6 Before I turn the microphone over to Agnico Eagle,
7 the Board's legal counsel will walk us through the
8 process for swearing in and affirming Agnico Eagle's
9 witness who will be presenting and answering questions
10 on this topic and for entering any documents filed as
11 exhibits on the public hearing record.

12 Teresa?

13 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut
15 Impact Review Board.

16 So for all parties who are going to be providing
17 evidence during these proceedings, I will just give you
18 a quick overview of how I will be handling
19 administering the oath to parties noting that the
20 process for parties who are having to participate
21 remotely is a slight modification of our normal
22 process.

23 So for parties that are in the room, before each
24 presentation, the party that is presenting can provide
25 me with a list of all the people who will be either
26 speaking during the presentation or who they would

1 expect to be answering questions about the presentation
2 afterwards. I will then swear in or affirm that entire
3 panel, and our normal process is each of the individual
4 speakers will state and spell their name for the
5 record.

6 Those who wish to swear the oath on the Bible,
7 please let me know, and I will hand you the Bible to be
8 able to do that. Those of you who wish to solemnly
9 affirm without the Bible, I will administer the oath,
10 and then I will ask you to state "I do".

11 For those of you who will be participating
12 remotely, I will not ask you to state and spell your
13 name in the interest of time. I will rely on your
14 representatives in the room making sure that I have
15 their name on a list, and I will just confirm that that
16 spelling is correct, and we will provide it to the
17 court reporters for the record.

18 Because I can't see you in -- in the --
19 necessarily when you're being -- taking the oath, if
20 you are participating remotely because we do have some
21 people participating just by audio line, I will be
22 administering the oath by affirmation only because I
23 can't see you putting your hand on a holy object or the
24 Bible.

25 For everyone present, as a sign of respect, Elders
26 and community representatives are not typically sworn

1 in or affirmed in order to share their knowledge, their
2 comments, and their perspective with the Board during
3 these proceedings, and so we will not be doing
4 administration of an oath before community
5 representatives are speaking.

6 As we go, I will be reminding people of the sort
7 of rules of the road as we go and any modifications
8 that we may have to make in order for people who are
9 attending remotely to be able to participate fully.

10 With respect to exhibits, I would just like to
11 confirm with legal counsel for Agnico Eagle or Manon
12 the presentation materials that you are presenting.

13 I have a hard copy of this presentation in English
14 and Inuktitut, but are there any other exhibits that
15 you wish to rely on during this presentation?

16 MS. TURMEL: Manon Turmel, Agnico Eagle.

17 No. This is complete. Thank you.

18 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you Madam Chair.

19 Thank you, Ms. Turmel.

20 If I can have you identify the members of the
21 panel who will be making the presentation, we can
22 proceed with administering the oath and affirmation.
23 And I will be marking these hard copy presentation
24 materials as the first exhibit in this public hearing.

25 EXHIBIT 1 - Hard Copy PowerPoint

26 Presentation, "Meliadine Extension Overview"

1 (English/Inuktitut)

2 MANON TURMEL, JENNIFER RANGE, SOPHIE LACOURSE, COLLEEN
3 PRATHER, Affirmed

4 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
6 Review Board.

7 Madam Chair, those are all my procedural matters.

8 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

9 Agnico Eagle, you may proceed.

10 Presentation by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Meliadine
11 Extension - Overview)

12 MS. TURMEL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 Manon Turmel, Agnico Eagle.

14 Good morning, everyone. We are here to provide an
15 overview of our Meliadine extension application. We
16 are grateful to everyone who is here in person with us
17 today, and we respect that many of you have travelled
18 long distances and are away from family in order to
19 participate in this hearing. This time is important
20 for everyone.

21 The Meliadine Mine was approved by the Nunavut
22 Impact Review Board in 2015 based on our final
23 environmental impact statement. We constructed some
24 components of the mine between 2016 and 2019 and went
25 into operations in 2019. We have not yet built every
26 component the Board approved in 2015, but we are very

1 pleased to be in operations at Meliadine Mine today.
2 We respect the hearing schedule that the Nunavut Impact
3 Review Board has set. Focusing the appropriate
4 evidence, associated questions, and comments on the
5 scope and topics that are directly related to the
6 Meliadine extension application will help do that and
7 is procedurally correct.

8 In this presentation, we will go over what's
9 included in the scope so it's clear for the Board,
10 intervenors, and community members. Given the limited
11 time available, we suggest this hearing should not
12 focus on existing mine operations and monitoring. As
13 an example, some comments shared in the Nunavut Impact
14 Review Board Meliadine Mine process had no particular
15 link to the Meliadine extension application that were
16 also shared in the annual report process where it is
17 focused on the existing operational activities and
18 monitoring.

19 Agnico Eagle respects that ongoing mine monitoring
20 is a very important topic for all of us. We fully
21 support the other processes such as the annual report
22 and also the terrestrial advisory group that are in
23 place separate from this hearing and that provide the
24 opportunity to share comments and ask questions on
25 ongoing operations and monitoring.

26 The annual report process is an important

1 component. We engage regularly with the hunters and
2 trappers organization about ongoing operations, and our
3 terrestrial advisory group also meets many times per
4 year to focus on topics such as caribou monitoring.

5 And the Meliadine Mine operational staff are here
6 at the community hall at the back with us and are more
7 than happy to answer any questions anyone has in the
8 room that they may have about ongoing mine monitoring
9 during hearing breaks. Please don't hesitate to -- to
10 reach out.

11 Our presentations during this hearing summarize
12 the results of our studies of this application, and
13 they show that the Meliadine extension will have
14 continued socioeconomic benefits and will not have
15 significant environmental effects and also is below the
16 predicted effects in the 2014 final environmental
17 impact statement.

18 We are asking the Nunavut Impact Review Board to
19 approve the Meliadine extension application which will
20 support benefits to Rankin Inlet, the Kivalliq region,
21 Nunavut, and to Canada. Next slide, please.

22 The focus of this presentation will be to first
23 review at a high level relevant components of the
24 2014 assessment to familiarize with what was already
25 assessed and approved. These previously assessed
26 components have not all been built to date but could be

1 in the future. This will feed into an overview of what
2 is Meliadine extension followed by an overview of the
3 environmental assessment. Next slide, please.

4 The 2014 assessment included five deposits to be
5 mined, including Tiriganiaq, Pump, F Zone, Wesmeg, and
6 Discovery. And including a road to access the
7 Discovery deposit. These deposits are shown in yellow
8 on this map which is from the 2014 assessment. We are
9 approved to mine these deposits under our project
10 certificate.

11 The approved approach in the project certificate
12 is described as a multi-phased approach, meaning not
13 all of the deposits would be mined at once; however,
14 the impacts associated with all of the deposits and
15 associated infrastructure were already assessed and
16 approved in 2015.

17 In addition to the multi-phased deposit, access
18 roads, fuel, quarrying, dewatering, laydown area, and
19 fuel farm area in Rankin Inlet, amongst others, were
20 assessed and approved in 2015. In summary, the
21 Meliadine Mine has gone through the following as part
22 of the project certificate and water licence processes.

23 In 2015, Project Certificate Number 006 was issued
24 for the construction and operation of the Meliadine
25 Mine and all-weather access road and five deposits in a
26 multi-phased approach.

1 Agnico Eagle did not apply for all of the approved
2 components as part of the first water licence
3 application which helped support a more streamlined
4 water licencing process at that time. It was always
5 planned to include the rest of those approved project
6 components in a future amendment to the water licence.

7 The Tiriganiaq deposit, including both underground
8 and open-pit mining, was the only one included with our
9 water licence issued in 2016. Since the project
10 certificate approval in 2015, two amendments were
11 completed in 2018 and 2022 for the discharge of treated
12 saline effluent to Itivia Harbour conveyed by truck and
13 water line respectively.

14 We have also amended the water licence since it
15 was issued in 2016. The amendment approval in 2021
16 included Collection Pond 1, water management, a
17 Meliadine Lake discharge criteria, updated waste
18 management strategy, increased annual freshwater use,
19 and construction of site access roads to the different
20 deposits.

21 The main changes associated with Meliadine
22 extension compared to what was approved are the
23 following two components: The wind farm and in-pit
24 disposal, an alternative for the future. We may still
25 go with our original current approved tailings
26 management strategy, but we would like to assess this

1 option to determine if we can proceed to the licencing
2 phase if this option is selected. These areas are
3 discussed further in this presentation.

4 Approval of the Meliadine extension application
5 will mean that the operations phase and benefits of the
6 mine to Inuit will be extended an additional 11 years
7 until 2043.

8 With this application, we have been able to use
9 the same footprint or area while increasing the amount
10 of gold extracted from the ground, primarily with the
11 addition of additional underground mines, and sow
12 benefits generated to the communities.

13 Meliadine extension includes underground mining at
14 Pump, F Zone, and Discovery.

15 The Tiriganiaq-Wolf mining area is a continuation
16 of the Tiriganiaq deposit. The deposit is the same;
17 however, as part of Meliadine extension, we are
18 applying to access the deposit from a different area
19 and so require infrastructure to support this new
20 portal.

21 In the year 2031, the total employment is
22 estimated to be at its peak when there will be multiple
23 deposits mined at the same time corresponding to
24 approximately 905 positions, which is an addition of
25 205 compared to the original project.

26 No changes were considered for a number of

1 components, including water management and closure
2 strategies, the all-weather access road, Rankin Inlet
3 infrastructure, and marine shipping.

4 In our application, we included an option to build
5 an airstrip at the Meliadine site; however, this item
6 was removed from the list in December 2022 and is thus
7 no longer part of the Meliadine extension proposal.

8 Meliadine extension is largely within the approved
9 mine footprint. The grade on this map represents the
10 revised footprint associated with Meliadine extension,
11 including the pits, the waste rock facility, and the
12 tailing storage facilities and how they fit in with the
13 approved mine footprint, which is the pink outlined.
14 So you can see that the grey is smaller than the pink,
15 and so we have really optimized our site based on
16 lessons learned operating the site since 2019.

17 Areas reflected in green on this map show where
18 the footprint of the extension extends outside of the
19 approved footprint, and that's primarily related to the
20 wind turbines to the northwest and the Tiriganiaq-Wolf
21 mining area. And so the local study area was slightly
22 extended for some of these components.

23 Upon issuance of permits and approvals which are
24 anticipated in 2024, the initial construction phase for
25 the extension will be sequenced at the different
26 deposits as you can see on this slide. So not

1 everything going on at the same time.

2 As previously mentioned, the operational phase
3 will be extending for 11 years to 2043 followed by
4 seven years of closure while the pits are being
5 reflooded, and the duration of post-closure will be ten
6 years.

7 The change associated with this application that
8 was not previously assessed is the addition of a wind
9 farm consisting of up to 11 wind turbines. Through
10 project certificate term in Condition 9, Agnico Eagle
11 is requested to evaluate ways to reduce greenhouse
12 gases.

13 An important part of our plan to lower carbon
14 emissions is to transition away from using diesel
15 sources to renewable energy. We acknowledge that there
16 are other mechanisms like carbon tax and offsets that
17 are meant to help address climate change. This
18 infrastructure is an alternative to those approaches.
19 We want to take an active approach and invest in
20 infrastructure that are part of a climate change
21 solution.

22 The knowledge that is gained from installing the
23 wind turbines could be potentially useful to all
24 Nunavummiut in its efforts to move away from diesel
25 fuel to renewable energy sources.

26 We can learn together with the community based on

1 the monitoring results from the first installations and
2 ensure that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and science are
3 part of this strategy to address climate change.

4 We also want to emphasize that we see the wind
5 turbines as an opportunity to partner with the
6 community potentially as a owner and operator in the
7 future.

8 Alternative scenarios to power generation have
9 been evaluated, including nuclear, solar power, hydro
10 power, power grid connections, but are not considered
11 feasible options at this time.

12 There has been over 6,000 turbines installed in
13 Canada since 1993. There are currently four operating
14 turbines at the Diavik Mine in the Northwest
15 Territories and two turbines operating at the Raglan
16 Mine in Nunavik, and they're looking at installing
17 more. Back River in the Kitikmeot Region is also
18 proposing 13 turbines as part of their current proposal
19 in front of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

20 Agnico Eagle is committed to operate in a
21 sustainable way. Our objective is a 30 percent
22 reduction in emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050.
23 That is consistent with Canada's climate plan and
24 policies.

25 Agnico Eagle is proposing in a first phase to
26 install up to three to five turbines. Final

1 engineering, procurement, shipment of equipment,
2 construction and commissioning could take, all
3 included, up to four years.

4 The selection of the wind turbine locations,
5 presented in black on the map to the right side, was
6 the result of years of field investigations and
7 studies. We used wind resource maps, so basically
8 models looking at where does the wind come from, where
9 does it go, where is it maximized. We looked at
10 geotechnical constraints, archeological resources,
11 cabin locations, and other land use areas, caribou
12 migration corridors, raptor nests, vegetation, and also
13 completed prefeasibility and feasibility studies.

14 Through engagement activities and Inuit
15 Qaujimaqatugangit shared, we also heard that community
16 members prefer that we keep the area of land
17 disturbance for our activities to -- to the minimum.

18 A number of other alternative locations -- some
19 were provided by community members, local
20 organizations, and intervenors -- were also looked at.
21 So these areas -- these other alternative areas are --
22 some are identified in red on the -- the map to the
23 right and also the yellow polygon, the Subblu area, and
24 the blue polygon. So closer to the coast but still
25 close to our all-weather access road.

26 We have also looked at positioning the turbines

1 inside the footprint of the mine. Our mine site is
2 currently very compact and even more so with this
3 optimization to reduce impact on the land. As such,
4 there's very limited room between infrastructures at
5 site. And also wind is not optimal inside the
6 footprint as when the wind hits the site, it's being, I
7 would say, deflected and changed as opposed to an
8 upwind position, which is what we are proposing right
9 now. Next one.

10 So on this slide, you can see the Subblu area, the
11 blue polygon. That was proposed by a number of
12 intervenors. As you can see, the area is located near
13 the airport, and so we have to consider the restricted
14 buffer zones.

15 You can see on the map there's a 4-kilometre
16 radius around the airport. The airport is
17 the greenish-blue polygon with an airport pictogram.
18 And we've also shown in red as well, there's a
19 15-kilometre length polygon from the end of the
20 airstrip which is the approach-and-takeoff area. Those
21 are restricted zones as defined by the Transport Canada
22 airport zoning regulations for the Rankin Inlet
23 Airport.

24 And we've had a meeting with Transport Canada
25 earlier this year to determine the feasibility of
26 installing a wind farm near the airport and confirming

1 the restrictions that may be applied. Although it is
2 feasible to install the wind turbines in the Subblu
3 area, in the blue polygon, outside the restricted
4 zones, outside the red circles or polygons, a
5 suggestion or comment by Transport Canada was that
6 it -- it's more prudent to install the wind farm
7 further away from -- from the airstrip. So balancing
8 the two options, Meliadine or -- or Subblu, it was more
9 prudent around Meliadine Mine.

10 Additionally, to the airport buffer zone, we've
11 added a 500-metre clearance from other infrastructures
12 and cabins as it is a norm in the industry which is --
13 limits also where you can put the turbines.

14 Following additional discussions with the
15 Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization and
16 intervenors during the June workshop -- June caribou
17 workshop regarding constraints at the Subblu area, the
18 blue area in the slide just before, this one was
19 proposed. So would you please flip to the previous
20 slide so that people can -- can have it visually.
21 Perfect.

22 So -- yeah. The blue area there. So similar to
23 the first alternative proposed, this area is located --
24 located far away from our mine site which adds
25 significant cost to the already-high costs of building
26 wind turbines in the north. There's also a number of

1 cabins in close proximity, and we have heard that local
2 organizations and intervenors would prefer that the
3 turbines be installed in town or close to the coast to
4 be more protective of caribou; however, only in 2023,
5 over 150,000 caribou were seen migrating through the
6 blue area. Please flip to 13. Thank you.

7 At this time the preferred option for wind turbine
8 location is close to our mine site as set out in our
9 application. We have provided evidence to the Board
10 that the siting and caribou protection measures that
11 will be in place will be protective of caribou. The
12 industry standard is for turbines to be located close
13 to the existing power plant. At Raglan, Diavik, Hope
14 Bay, Back River, the turbines in operation or proposed
15 are all located in close vicinity to the power plant.
16 One option that has been proposed by some participants
17 is to install wind turbines next to Rankin Inlet, which
18 is not an option that Agnico Eagle can advance at this
19 time.

20 Increasing distance to the power plant can have
21 prohibitive costs, and to date, no evidence has been
22 provided that alternative locations would be more
23 protective for caribou than the sites that Agnico Eagle
24 has proposed.

25 The wind turbine model selected will have features
26 including blade de-icing systems and cold climate

1 capabilities. We have received a number of questions
2 during our engagement activities about the wind farm,
3 and I would like to highlight a few facts based on
4 these.

5 The tip of each of the wind turbine blades, so the
6 top part, would be at about 144 metre high. This is
7 about nine times the height of the new arena in Rankin,
8 and we'll pass by during our tour so you can assess.
9 The bottom of the -- the blade would be about 30 metre
10 high, approximately two times the height of the new
11 arena.

12 We have also got a lot of questions about the
13 speed of rotation. There is only one speed. Turbines
14 will always rotate at the same speed no matter how
15 strong the wind blows.

16 Wind turbines are safe, and they can be shut down
17 very quickly in a matter of minutes should weather or
18 caribou warrant it. And the proposal include the
19 installation of batteries between the turbines and the
20 power plant. A battery basically looks like a sea can,
21 if you don't know what it looks like.

22 So to further understand the effect that the wind
23 farm could have on wildlife, we prepared earlier this
24 year a visual simulation. These simulations were
25 completed by an engineering firm using detailed
26 measurements and calculations.

1 So the next set of slides will look like this one.
2 So on the left side, you can see the map of where the
3 picture was taken. So this one is Point of View 5, and
4 in red you can also see where the turbines would be,
5 and you can see the -- the footprint of the existing
6 mine. We also have these simulations on the -- on the
7 wall.

8 And note that these pictures were taken on a clear
9 day. We had a lot of challenges taking pictures good
10 enough for those simulations. So this one was taken
11 4 kilometres from the mine site. Without the turbines,
12 you can see on the left side the power plant and mill
13 of the existing mine. Next one.

14 This is the visual simulation with the turbines
15 still at 4 kilometre, and it's at this point that we
16 are proposing to shut down the turbines when there are
17 more than 50 caribou. When caribou would get closer,
18 they would encounter a stopped turbine. Next one,
19 please.

20 This one was taken approximately 6 kilometres from
21 the turbines without the turbines and with the
22 turbines. This one at 8.3 kilometres without the
23 turbines and with the turbines. Again, if you can't
24 see really well on the screen, we have them on posters.
25 We also took one at over 12 kilometres without the
26 turbines and with the turbines.

1 And the last one we completed was -- we took a
2 picture from Rankin Inlet. There's a little blue
3 circle on the image to the left, so this is where we
4 took the picture. And as you can notice in the black
5 circle, we can't -- we can't see the mine, but we
6 zoomed in to show that really the mine was there, and
7 we can see kind of the smoke stack from the plant which
8 the turbine would reduce a bit 'cause we wouldn't need
9 to use diesel as much. So I'll now pass the
10 presentation to Jennifer Range.

11 MS. RANGE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
12 Jennifer Range with Agnico Eagle.

13 As part of long-term planning to optimize the site
14 footprint, Agnico Eagle is assessing the potential for
15 in-pit slurry tailings deposition as an alternative to
16 the dry stack method currently employed. We are also
17 looking at in-pit deposition of waste rock in exhausted
18 pits to reduce the surface area impacts. We have
19 experience with in-pit deposition at the Meadowbank
20 Mine which was approved as a method in 2018 and is
21 included in our Nunavut Impact Review Board monitoring
22 reports since that time.

23 The alternative pits presented in the Meliadine
24 extension assessment are shown in green on these two
25 images. The potential for in-pit tailings deposition
26 included six pits, which are presented on the image on

1 the left. The image on the right presents the 12 pits
2 selected for the potential of in-pit storage of waste
3 rock.

4 As part of Meliadine extension, an additional
5 12 sites were identified for potential sources for
6 material excavation. Additional fuel storage is
7 proposed at the Pump, F Zone, and Discovery deposits as
8 well as the Tiriganiaq-Wolf mining area. These four
9 locations will add 350,000 litres of fuel.

10 Storage at each of these sites will reduce the
11 fuel truck travel and transfer between the main site
12 storage and the respective deposit. This will be more
13 efficient for operations and will increase capacity
14 during caribou migration and weather conditions.

15 A new landfill at the Discovery deposit is
16 proposed within the waste rock storage facility to
17 limit the transport of material between Discovery and
18 the main mine site. In addition, two new land farms
19 are proposed as part of Meliadine extension, one at the
20 Wesmeg deposit and the other at the Discovery deposit.
21 They were selected to minimize the footprint of the
22 site and reduce the transport distance of material from
23 potential spill locations.

24 I will now pass the presentation to Sophie.

25 THE CHAIR: Before you continue with the
26 presentation, it's just about 11:30. We're going to

1 stop with Agnico Eagle's overview presentation for now,
2 and we'll switch to the safety presentation for the
3 site visit. And who will give the presentation?

4 MS. TURMEL: Manon Turmel, Agnico Eagle.

5 So for this presentation it will be Jennifer Range
6 and Geoff Neville.

7 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut
9 Impact Review Board.

10 So if I can have the witness state and spell his
11 name for the record, and then we will affirm you.

12 MR. NEVILLE: Geoff Neville.

13 GEOFF NEVILLE, Affirmed

14 EXHIBIT 2 - Hard Copy PowerPoint
15 Presentation, "Site Tour Presentation"
16 (English/Inuktitut)

17 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

18 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut
19 Impact Review Board.

20 Those are all my procedural matters.

21 THE CHAIR: You may proceed.

22 Presentation by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Meliadine
23 Extension - Site Tour)

24 MS. RANGE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 Jennifer Range with Agnico Eagle.

26 This presentation is just a quick overview to

1 highlight what we will see on our site tour this
2 afternoon, along with some health and safety shares and
3 some logistics just to communicate to those
4 participating.

5 So we -- we just heard what the Meliadine
6 extension is, so I won't go over it again, but this
7 slide just summarizes the components of Meliadine
8 extension. Yeah. And, again, this -- this map is the
9 footprint of the approved Meliadine Mine, the Meliadine
10 extension components, and areas that we will point out
11 along the visit this afternoon.

12 Our focus of the tour today is to highlight
13 Meliadine extension features. At site, we will not
14 stop to see existing facilities that are already
15 approved and operating such as the mill, the treatment
16 plant, the tailing storage facility, nor will we be
17 stopping along the all-weather access road.

18 An Agnico Eagle representative will be speaking on
19 each of the buses to provide more details during the
20 tour. We have identified a few points of interest in
21 this presentation related to the Meliadine -- related
22 to Meliadine extension that will be mentioned in the
23 tour.

24 The first will be Point of Interest Number 1,
25 which is the location of the approved Discovery road to
26 the Discovery deposit. This is -- the Discovery

1 deposit is shown in green for the Meliadine extension
2 footprint.

3 Further along, we will point out the area of the
4 F Zone deposit, which is identified as Point of
5 Interest 2 on the map. This includes open pit and
6 underground mining, a waste rock storage facility,
7 among other supporting infrastructure. This is also
8 applicable to the Pump zone, which is Point of
9 Interest 3 on the map.

10 As we drive through the mine site, we will point
11 out areas that are operational and already approved.
12 This includes waste rock storage facilities, the
13 Tiriganiaq deposit, Collection Pond 1, and the tailing
14 storage facility. These locations are already approved
15 and operating areas for the Meliadine Mine; however, as
16 they are areas we often make reference to in our --
17 during our discussions, we want to flag them for
18 everyone's knowledge.

19 Once we arrive at this location, Point of
20 Interest 9, we will get off the bus. This will be the
21 best opportunity to see the general area around the
22 wind turbine locations, Numbers 1, 2, and 3.

23 As mentioned previously, Turbines 1 to 5 are
24 proposed as part of the first phase of construction. I
25 will now turn the presentation over to Geoff for a
26 health and safety briefing.

1 MR. NEVILLE: Hello, everybody. Geoff
2 Neville with Agnico Eagle. I'm the health and safety
3 general supervisor on-site. I am from Newfoundland, so
4 I'll do my best to slow down when I speak.

5 Some clothing requirements. We will require
6 closed-toe shoes, boots. I wouldn't recommend Crocs.

7 Today outside it is 4 degrees. It's going to be
8 gusting at 50 kilometres, so dress appropriately. Have
9 a jacket. You might want a hat or toque, but it is not
10 that warm out today.

11 We will be providing everybody with a safety vest.
12 If you have your own that you want to bring, if it is
13 red, orange, or yellow, feel free to bring it, but we
14 will provide vests for everybody. We are going to an
15 active mine site. This tour, it should be enjoyable.
16 In my opinion, it's low-risk, but a lot of times with
17 low-risk activities, we can become complacent and get
18 hurt. So always be aware of your surroundings. Watch
19 out where you walk. Look out for yourselves and look
20 out for your fellow tour members.

21 Please remain within the group. Don't wander off.
22 Especially inside the camp it's actually very easy to
23 get lost, so stay within the group. Don't go off by
24 yourself wandering.

25 We are going to go on some rough terrain. It
26 shouldn't be too bad. But be careful where you walk.

1 Watch your placement of your feet.

2 If you do notice something related to health and
3 safety that doesn't look right or you're not sure,
4 please let the Agnico rep know, and we'll make sure
5 that it is addressed. Meliadine is a dry camp. Please
6 no drugs or alcohol with you. Don't put us in an
7 awkward situation, please.

8 Don't worry. We will have smoke breaks, but
9 smoking is only inside the designated areas and in our
10 smoke shacks, and this also does apply to vapes or
11 e-cigarettes. And when you use the smoke shacks,
12 please make sure to put the butts in the appropriate
13 ashtrays.

14 At Meliadine, health and safety is always a
15 priority, but we take the environmental just as
16 serious. So while you're on-site, wildlife always has
17 the right-of-way. Feeding or harassing the wildlife is
18 prohibited. Be mindful of any waste that we generate.
19 Make sure everything we go, goes in the garbage or
20 comes back with us. And wildlife should not be
21 approached under any circumstances. Thank you.

22 MS. RANGE: Madam Chair, Jennifer Range
23 with Agnico Eagle.

24 As outlined in the NIRB's agenda, please arrive
25 back at the hall for 12:45 so we can load buses and
26 organize for departure. The buses will leave promptly

1 at 1:00 to allow ourselves enough time to get to site
2 and return for the evening. To avoid conflicting
3 translations, we will have one bus with an interpreter
4 for Inuktitut and another bus for Dene.

5 We have organized the tour so that one bus will
6 first break at camp for a washroom break and stop at
7 the gym for some refreshments while the other bus
8 continues to the wind farm location. The buses will
9 switch so that the second bus will have an opportunity
10 to see the wind farm location and the others have a
11 health break. Once the respective bus has stopped to
12 see the wind farm and had a break, the buses will
13 return to the hall.

14 Emily with Nunavut Impact Review Board will be in
15 the hall prior to departure with the participant lists
16 for each bus. We've tried to spread the -- spread the
17 participants out as best as possible. So please see
18 Emily before boarding the buses.

19 And to those of you who are on the site tour,
20 we -- we look forward to seeing you this afternoon.
21 Thank you.

22 THE CHAIR: Are there any questions from
23 around the table? Any questions from the back of the
24 room? Any questions from the side of the room on that
25 side? I think everyone understands what to do when we
26 come.

1 That concludes Day 1 of the technical discussions.
2 Thank you all for your contributions to a productive
3 day. We'll meet back here at 12:45 to start the site
4 visit activities.

5 I just want to remind everyone that we will not be
6 waiting for latecomers, so please be here and ready to
7 start at 12:45. The NIRB will provide snacks that can
8 be collected from here before boarding the bus, and
9 we'll resume the hearing tomorrow morning at 9 AM
10 central time to continue with the technical session of
11 the public hearing. Have a good lunch break.

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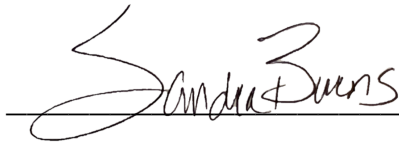
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