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Jamie Quesnel
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Dear Jamie Quesnel:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 19, 2023, regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) withdrawal of the Meliadine Extension Proposal.

As you are aware, on November 17, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the Board) issued its Reconsideration Report and Recommendations (the Report) for the Meliadine Extension Proposal. The Ministers of Energy and Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport, and I would have had the regulatory jurisdiction to make a decision with respect to the Board's Report.

The other responsible Ministers and I understand your correspondence to be a written request that the assessment of the Meliadine Extension Proposal be terminated, per subsection 143(5) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (the Act). In accordance with subsection 143(6) of the Act, the assessment is now terminated, effective December 19, 2023. Consequently, a ministerial decision for the Meliadine Extension Proposal is no longer required and will not be issued.

The other responsible Ministers and I note Agnico Eagle's statement regarding the potential submission of a new application for a Meliadine extension project in due time and when conditions will be suitable. As you noted in your correspondence, should Agnico Eagle wish to undertake a Meliadine extension project in the future, a new project proposal must be submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission in accordance with section 76 of the Act. The Act prohibits the carrying out of a project, in whole or in part, where a required assessment under the Act has not been completed in relation to

the Meliadine Extension Proposal. As per section 75 of the Act, regulatory authorities are also not authorized to issue a licence, permit, or other authorizations with respect to a project where a required assessment under the Act has not been completed.

Finally, the other responsible Ministers and I appreciate receiving Agnico Eagle's response to the Board's Report, and your perspective on the topics discussed therein.

Sincerely,



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