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Sent via email: david.frenette@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Notice of Screening for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Peter, Fox and Parker Lakes" project proposal

Dear Mr. Frenette:

On October 21, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) "Peter, Fox and Parker Lakes" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

Please note that the referral from the NPC was triggered by cumulative effects concerns pursuant to subsection 80(1) of *NuPPAA* and are related to:

- a) expired and active mineral interests nearby, including advanced projects,
- b) that this project could induce additional activity,
- c) the work will occur partly on caribou post calving habitat, and
- d) the area has been identified as having value and priority to local communities for:
 - i. caribou migration
 - ii. general wildlife
 - iii. muskox.

Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **15EN049**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On October 30, 2015 the NIRB requested that AEM provide additional information in support of this

proposal by November 13, 2015. On November 12, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information to commence with the screening.

PROJECT SCOPE

Project Scope:

The proposed “Peter, Fox and Parker Lakes” project is located within the Kivalliq region, between 40 and 160 kilometres (km) northwest from Rankin Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct exploration activities for gold mineralization. The program is proposed to take place annually from May to November, 2016 through 2021.

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following works or activities:

- Exploration activities to include ground or aerial geophysical survey, prospecting and diamond drilling (on-land and on-ice drilling activities);
- Use of water for drilling activities;
- Use of helicopter(s) to move drills, equipment and workers;
- Use of fuel for drilling activities with minimum amounts stored at the drill site(s);
- Use of propane for heat;
- Use of hazardous materials and chemicals including drilling additives;
- Wastes generated at sites transported daily to Meliadine camp for proper disposal;
- Ongoing archaeological investigations within the planned exploration area; and
- Use of existing facilities at Meliadine site.

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB’s online public registry at the following location

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15EN049-AEM-Peter,%20Fox,%20Parker%20Lakes/> and include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in English and Inuktitut*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements in English*
- *Maps noting claims*
- *Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Type B Application for Land Use Permit*
- *Nunavut Water Board Type B Water Licence Applications for Peter, Fox and Parker Lakes*
- *Kivalliq Inuit Association Type III Access Inuit Owned Lands and Water Use Application*
- *Flight routes*

- *Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Waste Management Plan*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **Friday, December 4, 2015**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal, including:
 - Whether any cumulative eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts could result from the impacts of the proposed project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out inside the designated area, or wholly or partly outside the designated area.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4607 or at kbenoit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Distribution List
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Tracey McCaie, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)