



NIRB File No.: 15EN049
Related to NIRB File No.: 15RN010
NPC File No.: 148346

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Sent via email: david.frenette@agnicoeagle.com

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

Dear David Frenette:

On September 9, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) "Parker, Peter and Fox Lakes Winter Access" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **15EN049**, the NIRB views this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number. Please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

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 September 16, 2016 the NIRB requested that the Agnico Eagle provide additional information in support of this proposal by September 30, 2016. On October 17, 2016 the NIRB received the requested additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA.

PROJECT SCOPE

Project Scope:

The proposed “Parker, Peter and Fox Lakes Winter Access” project is located within the Kivalliq region, between Baker Lake and the approved Meliadine Gold Mine Project site. The proponent intends to transport materials between Baker Lake and the Meliadine Gold Mine Project site to the Parker, Peter and Fox lakes exploration sites to support exploration activities. The program is proposed to take place annually from January to May, 2017 through 2022.

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

- Completion of approximately thirty (30) overland trips annually from either Baker Lake or Meliadine Gold Mine Project site;
- Overland trips to utilize main access route previously authorized to M&T Enterprises Ltd. company for transport of Agnico Eagle materials (NIRB File No. 15RN010), with the addition of new spur connections to the specified exploration project drop off points;
- Use of three (3) 45,000 lbs tracked tractors (Challenger) and 13,230 lbs steel sleds, with each tractor having a payload capacity of 66,000 lbs;
- Transportation and use of up to 1800 litres (L) of diesel, up to 75 L each of hydraulic oil motor oil, and glycol, for operation of the tractors;
- Transportation of drills, core boxes, snow cats, pick-up trucks, and miscellaneous travel supplies;
- Collection of grey water incurred on the road and disposal at the nearest approved disposal location, either Baker Lake or the Meliadine Gold Mine Project site;
- Collection of garbage produced on the road and disposal at the nearest approved disposal location, either Baker Lake or the Meliadine Gold Mine Project site; and
- Use of one (1) helicopter and two (2) snowmobiles to transport personnel to and from either Baker Lake or the Meliadine Gold Mine Project site, and the Parker, Peter, Fox exploration camps.

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 www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Parker, Peter and Fox Lakes Winter Access
- NIRB File No.: 15EN049
- Application No.: 125013

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *NIRB’s Online Application Form (formerly the NIRB Part 1 form in English)*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in Inuktitut*

- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Main application document, project description, and map noting winter access route between Baker Lake and Meliadine Gold Mine Project site*
- *Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Land Use Permit application*
- *Spill Contingency Plan (August 2016)*
- *Wildlife Protection and Response Plan (version 2, January 2016)*
- *Response to NIRB's Additional Information Request #1*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry 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 project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 14, 2016**.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
 Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)