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Sent via email: david.frenette@agnicoeagle.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Agnico Eagle Mines 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). On October 24, 2016 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by November 14, 2016.

On or before November 14, 2016 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating 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

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- Concerns noted regarding the potential to disturb denning animals along the land portions of the ice road and a recommendation that the Proponent undertake a den survey for wolverine, grizzly, bear, fox, and Polar Bear prior to the proposed winter activities.

- Uncertainty with the Proponent's refueling procedures while transporting exploration supplies along planned route and a recommendation that the Proponent provide details of designated refueling points along the route to NIRB and these be used for refueling.
- Concerns noted regarding the planned management procedures for potentially disturbing wildlife while transiting the proposed route and a recommendation that the Proponent give right away to all wildlife including caribou when operating the winter road, vehicles slowing should groups of 25 or more caribou be observed within one (1) kilometer of the road.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **November 29, 2016**.

If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly 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 directly at (867) 983-4607 or kbenoit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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