



NIRB File No.: 15EN049
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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; and carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Parker, Peter and Fox Lakes Winter Access" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On September 9, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Parker, Peter and Fox Lakes Winter Access" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15EN049.

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, therefore on September 16, 2016 requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On October 17, 2016 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On October 24, 2016 the NIRB distributed the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted for the Board's consideration by November 14, 2016. Due to concerns raised during the public comment period, on November 15, 2016 the NIRB provided the Proponent an opportunity to respond to the concerns raised by parties; the Proponent's response was subsequently received on November 24, 2016.

As a result of the additional time required to provide the Proponent with an opportunity to respond to the comments received, the Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and to complete the screening. All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed 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 NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **December 15, 2016**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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