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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
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Government of Canada
House of Commons
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Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On December 22, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle)'s "Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment" 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. 11EN010.

After receiving the initial application for this project on December 22, 2016 as well as another related to the Amaruq development (NIRB: 11EN010 amendment for hovercraft support for ongoing exploration) on December 23, 2016, the NIRB undertook a completeness check on both applications as well as determine how the two applications related to the ongoing exploration of the Amaruq site. After receiving the completed forms for the additional quarry amendment on January 4, 2017 and confirming that the scope of the two applications were related, but not integrally linked to each other, the NIRB distributed the Notice to potentially affected communities and interested parties on January 16, 2017, requesting comments on the quarry amendment be submitted for the Board's consideration by February 6, 2017. Further, as much as the comment period is not yet complete for this application, due to concerns raised by parties to date, the NIRB expects to provide the Proponent an opportunity to respond to the concerns prior to the Board making its decision. As a result, the Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and allow the Proponent to respond to comments, prior to completing 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: Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment
- NIRB File No.: 11EN010
- Application No.: 125036

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 **March 1, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, 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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