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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd's "Parker Lake Temporary Exploration Camp and Airstrip and Cone Hill Exploration Project" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Boa-Antwi,

On January 30, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd's "Parker Lake Temporary Exploration Camp and Airstrip and Cone Hill Exploration Project" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

INAC is unable to offer comments on whether the project amendment is likely to arouse significant public concern since the application does not contain any detailed records of community engagement/consultation activities undertaken by the Proponent to discuss community concerns regarding the proposed new activities. It is important to note that INAC's December 2015 review of the original project proposal identified similar deficiencies with the Proponent's consultation approach and recommended that the Proponent consult any potentially affected communities prior to the commencement of the project. In response, the Proponent committed to consulting Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) and other stakeholders before the commencement of work. Although the current amendment application states that public consultations were conducted for different Nunavut projects in 2016 and that these particular projects will be included in public consultations in 2017, no records (or schedules) of these



consultations have been presented. INAC recommends that the Proponent conduct community consultations prior to the start of the new activities.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

INAC notes that the potential for cumulative eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts was not addressed in this project amendment application. Considering the number of projects being proposed and currently conducted by the Proponent in the region, INAC believes that an assessment of potential cumulative impacts is warranted. INAC recommends that the Proponent addresses the potential cumulative impacts of the project as a whole, including the activities of this project amendment and the other past and reasonably foreseeable projects in the area.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman M. Scully at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at norman.scully@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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