



**NIRB File No.: 17EA068**  
*Related to* NIRB File No: 16EN035  
NPC File No.: 148849

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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects" project proposal**

Dear David Frenette:

On May 31, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On June 12, 2018 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by July 3, 2018.

On or before July 3, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Hamlet of Whale Cove
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB)

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/project/148849](http://www.nirb.ca/project/148849).

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

- Lack of public consultation.
- Limited information regarding mitigation for drilling and trenching activities.
- Limited information regarding remediation for potential oil spills.
- Limited information regarding fish and fish habitat in reference to water withdrawal.
- Potential for cumulative effects.

- Conducting activities within the calving and post-calving grounds of the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd.

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 **July 18, 2018**.

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](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at 867-983-4607 or [sthompson@nirb.ca](mailto:sthompson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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