



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 17EA068**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File No. 17EA068

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects" in the Kivalliq Region, dated July 31, 2018.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Jaida Ohokannoak NIRB Technical Advisor II at (867) 983-4600 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jaida Ohokannoak', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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