



**NIRB File No.: 17EA068**

NPC File No.: 149099

*Related to NPC File No.: 148647 & 148849*

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**Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 1 for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area Exploration" Project Proposal**

Dear David Frenette:

On April 4, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) "Whale Cove Area Exploration" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC noted that the previous conformity determination issued on November 29, 2017 and May 31, 2018 for the activities associated with the current proposal continues to apply and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the significant increase in the land area that will undergo mineral exploration activities, and that those locations are within the designated Keewatin Caribou Protection areas.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that are sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **17EA068**, the NIRB views this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and has assigned this proposal with this previous file number. Please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

On April 3, 2019 following an initial screening referral by the NPC, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to commence screening.

The documents and materials received to date by the NIRB in support of this project proposal include:

- *NPC Application*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Non-technical Summary in English, Inuktitut and French*
- *Maps noting mineral properties location, snow expansion location, proposed camp location and Huckleberry*
- *Kivalliq Inuit Association License*

All information provided to the NIRB in support of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125460](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125460).

The NIRB has undertaken a completeness check of your project proposal as submitted and found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. According to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in **Appendix A** of this correspondence by **May 2, 2019**.

Please be advised that pursuant to s. 92(3)(b) of the *NuPPAA*, the 45-day timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stopped on April 18, 2019. This 45-day timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information. If the Proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under s. 144 of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, it is in Agnico Eagle's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner.

If Agnico Eagle determines that the time required to supply the required information 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 submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca). For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-5627 or [tmaksagak@nirb.ca](mailto:tmaksagak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Talia Maksagak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Talia" and last name "Maksagak" clearly legible.

Talia Maksagak  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request # 1

**Appendix A: Information Request # 1**  
**for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area Exploration"**  
**pursuant to s. 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act**  
**NIRB File No. 17EA068**

**1. Topic/Issue: NIRB's Online Application Form**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires the Proponent to complete the online application form in order to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to ensure sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. The NIRB will no longer accept applications or supporting documents via e-mail or regular mail.

**Request:** Complete the NIRB's online application form at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca), pursuant to the NIRB's project application requirements including providing additional information related to the following:

- *The amount and types of fuel to be used for the proposed amendment project in addition to aviation fuel.*
- *Details on where water would be withdrawn from for the drilling activities for the proposed amendment.*
- *Types of chemicals that will be used for the proposed drilling activities (e.g., calcium chloride).*
- *In addition to drilling on land, information should be provided whether the Proponent is considering conducting on-ice drilling for the proposed exploration activities.*
- *Further details required on the type of drilling activities proposed for the amendment exploration project proposal (e.g., prospecting and geophysical surveys, or early drilling exploration).*
- *Estimate amount of drill holes proposed.*
- *The size of the expansion of the claim.*

Further, as the proposed activities include exploration activities, Section B of the Additional Information Tab for EXPLORATION ACTIVITY, DRILLING and/or GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY needs to be completed.

The Proponent is recommended to review the Help Boxes associated with the NIRB's online application form when completing the application.

**2. Topic/Issue: Project Map**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.

**Request:** Complete the NIRB's online map in the application form at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) as well as provide the latitude and longitude of the locations as listed within the application form. The map should include where applicable the following items:

- Location(s) of all proposed activity(ies) including but not limited to:
  - a. Fuel storage sites,

- b. Research sites (specific locations identified within the broader geometry), and/or
  - c. Drill locations;
- Project site in proximity to territorial and/or national parks; and
- Project site in proximity to sensitive wildlife and wildlife habitat (e.g., migratory bird sanctuary).

**3. Topic/Issue: Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English, and Inuktitut**

**Reference:** NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

**Rationale:** The NIRB requires that a non-technical summary be submitted by proponents in order to assist parties to understand and provide comments on project proposals. Translated copies of the non-technical summaries are required to be inserted into the text boxes provided in order to assist unilingual community organizations and members to provide comments on project proposals.

**Request:** Submit via the online application text boxes a non-technical description of the project proposal in English and in the regional languages, which include Inuktitut (Kivalliq, North/South Baffin, Eastern Kitikmeot).

The summary should use plain language only and address the following points in < 5,000 characters:

- **Who:** Company, individual or entity proposing the project.
- **What:** The type of undertaking being proposed and how it would be carried out. It may be helpful to describe the scale of the project, number of people involved, permanence of any facilities constructed, and methods of transport.
- **Why:** The objective of and need for the project, potential long term implications.
- **Where:** general location of proposed activities in relation to closest communities, protected areas.
- **When:** timeframe of proposed activities (fixed period, seasonal, multi-year).

Please keep in mind that the **project summary is intended to provide members of the public with sufficient information** to understand what is being proposed and determine whether they might wish to further review the full project application and supporting information.

**4. Topic/Issue: Supplemental supporting documentation**

**Reference:** Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment

**Rationale:** To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.

**Request:** Provide supplemental information regarding the following:

- Summary of current and future consultation plans. Please provide an indication within the online application if consultation has been conducted for the amendment proposed;
- Flight plans (e.g., duration, location, and altitudes) including any planned aerial surveys, if appropriate;

- Research methodologies to be employed;
- Mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures;
- A discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans; and
- Images of your project location if available.