



NIRB File No.: 19EN027

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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On April 4, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Cove Area Exploration" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 19EN027.**

On April 3, 2019 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 commence screening. On April 5, 2019 following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on April 18, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On April 26, 2019 the NIRB followed up with the Proponent requesting an online application and on May 3, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On May 22, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by June 12, 2019.

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/project/125460.

Owing to the delays encountered in satisfying the information requirements of the NIRB's screening process, 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* and requires an extension to complete the screening to fully consider the project proposal and all comments and responses.

The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **June 28, 2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: David Frenette, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
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