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**Re: Opportunity to Address Concerns Regarding Blasting in the Vicinity of Caribou at Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meliadine Gold Mine Project**

Dear Robin Allard:

On July 6<sup>th</sup>,<sup>1</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>,<sup>2</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>,<sup>3</sup> 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (Kangiqliniq HTO) regarding concerns at Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No.: 11MN034). Correspondence received on July 6 and 14, 2021 from the Kangiqliniq HTO stated that their wildlife monitor observed blasting at the Meliadine Gold Mine site while caribou were in the vicinity on July 2 and 14, 2021 and community members had concerns about another blast carried out on July 1, 2021. The July 13, 2021 correspondence was in regard to concerns of the state of the exploration camp, including waste materials, and the speed of traffic along the all-weather access road (AWAR).

Agnico Eagle's Terrestrial Environment Management and Monitoring Plan (TEMMP), Version 3 (June 2020)<sup>4</sup> states that "*Blasting activities will not occur when caribou herds (i.e., >50 animals) are known to be within 5 km of the Project*" and the Wildlife Protection and Response Plan, Version 8 (January 2019)<sup>5</sup>, states that: work suspension protocols are to be initiated when a herd of caribou of 50 or greater animals is within a five (5) kilometre (km) radius of the activities. The TEMMP also states that "*Where small to moderate aggregations of caribou (i.e., 1 to 50 animals) are*

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<sup>2</sup> Public Registry ID.: 336043

<sup>3</sup> Public Registry ID.: 336376

<sup>4</sup> Public Registry ID: 330530-330532

<sup>5</sup> Public Registry ID: 330530

*observed within 100 m of a road, travel speeds are reduced to 30 km/h*". The Landfill and Waste Management Plan, Version 7 (March 2019)<sup>6</sup> describes waste management practices at the Meliadine Gold Mine Project and the TEMMP and the Roads Management Plan, Version 8 (December 2019)<sup>7</sup> describes the protocols for vehicles on the AWAR.

The NIRB would like to provide Agnico Eagle with an opportunity to address the concerns raised by the Kangiqliniq HTO and to provide details regarding its compliance with the above monitoring and management plans. The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or through the online Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by August 24, 2021. 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 as soon as possible with an anticipated date for submission.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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<sup>6</sup> Public Registry ID: 323968

<sup>7</sup> Public Registry ID: 328359