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To: Doris North and Hope Bay Phase 2 Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: **Comment Request for Agnico Eagle's Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects 2022 Annual Report**

Dear Parties:

On May 1, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects 2022 *Annual Report* as required by the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 002 and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project Certificate No. 009. On May 5, 2023, following a completeness check, the NIRB requested clarification on documents within the *2022 Annual Report* which were subsequently submitted on May 9, 2023.

As the NIRB received comments in 2022 regarding Agnico Eagle's July 26, 2022, submission of the 2021 Socio-Economic Monitoring Report, the NIRB is allowing review and commenting on this report during the 2023 monitoring year. As such, the NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* as well as the 2021 Socio-Economic Report and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 26, 2023**.

The *2022 Annual Report*, the Socio-Economic Monitoring Report, and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/123632 (Doris North Gold Mine) and www.nirb.ca/project/124148 (Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt). Access to the documents can be made by:

- Selecting the "Documents Tab" of the Project Dashboard(s) then select the "Annual Report" category on the left pane;
- Selecting "Recent Documents" on the Project Dashboards; or
- Searching the Public Registry with the Document ID numbers identified in Appendix A.

Agnico Eagle also submitted the following Monitoring Plans, and Document ID Numbers are identified in [Appendix A](#).

- Spill Contingency Plan
- Incinerator and Composter Management Plan
- Water Management Plan
- Waste Rock Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan
- Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA) Operational Management System

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 002 and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project Certificate No. 009, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* as well as the 2021 Socio-economic Monitoring Report and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2022 Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that Regulatory Authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction with respect to the following. An example format for tracking comments and Proponent responses is included in [Appendix B](#).

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically;
 - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licenses, or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable, and report annually to the NIRB on the status of those incorporated terms and conditions;
 - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2022 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
 - iii. A summary of Agnico Eagle's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

This information is important to assist the NIRB assess, coordinate, integrate, and ensure that the Board has the information to accurately measure effects, adequately assess compliance with terms and conditions, regulatory instruments, and agreements, and whether the projects are carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the original project certificates.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca or contact Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4609 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments (2): Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2021 Socio-Economic Monitoring Report and the 2022 Annual Report
Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on Annual Report

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Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2021 Socio-economic Monitoring Report and the 2022 Annual Report

Document Title	Doris North Document ID No.	Phase 2 HBB Document ID No.
2021 Socio-economic Monitoring Report Cover Letter	340889	340891
2021 Socio-economic Monitoring Report	340890	340892
2022 Annual Report Cover Letter	344487	344512
2022 Annual Report	344488	344513
Appendix A	344489	344514
Appendix B	344490	344515
Appendix C	344491	344516
Appendix D 1	344492	344517
Appendix D 2	344493	344518
Appendix D 3	344494	344519
Appendix D 4	344495	344520
Appendix D 5	344496	344521
Appendix D 6	344497	344522
Appendix E	344498	344523
Appendix F	344499	344524
Appendix G	344500	344525
Appendix H	344501	344526

Monitoring Plans

Document Title	Doris North Document ID No.	Phase 2 HBB Document ID No.
Monitoring Plan Cover Letter	344502	344527
Spill Contingency Plan	344503	344528
Incinerator Composter Management Plan	844846	344847
Water Management Plan	344505	344530
Waste Rock Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan	344506	344531
Shipping Management Plan	344507	344532
TIA Operational Management System Pt 1	344508	344533
TIA Operational Management System Pt 2	344509	344534
TIA Operational Management System Pt 3	344510	34435
Wildlife Mitigation Monitoring Plan	344511	344536

Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report

Comment Number:	
Subject/Topic:	
References:	To the appropriate section in the Annual Report and/or Addendum
Comment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gap/Issue2. Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion3. Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion4. Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix
Conclusion/Request:	