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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, M Caroline Whittle, Natalie D'Souza, Luis Manzo, and David Frenette:

RE: NPC File No: 150334 [Meadowbank Regional Exploration]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Mineral exploration:
 - Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) acquired mineral properties forming the Anuraaqtuq exploration project, on Crown Lands, from CIRNAC in 2024. These properties are located on the west side of the Meadowbank property and at a distance between 85 km to 105 km mostly north of the Baker Lake community.

- The exploration activities planned on these properties include prospecting, till sampling, geophysical surveys, and diamond drilling.
 - An application for a new water license and a new land use permit covering the Anuraaqtuq project will be submitted to NWB and to CIRNAC.
2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148143, and 149934; Associated NIRB FILE No: 15EN050.
 3. Summary of modification: Expansion of the exploration activities to the new claims areas which will now include the new Anuraaqtuq mineral property, and some adjustments between previous and actual claims boundaries, including an enlargement of the mineral properties GOT and Yuka as well as some claims expansion done by CIRNAC in 2021.
 4. Location: Kivalliq Region; [North of Baker Lake]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including ground surveys, aerial surveys, prospecting, and diamond drilling and conformity determinations were issued on October 21, 2015, and January 30, 2023. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN050). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the expansion of the expansion of the exploration activities to the new claims areas does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150334>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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