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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracie McCaie, Calvin Ehaloak, Luis Manzo, and David Frenette:

RE: NPC File No: 151179 [Meadowbank Regional Exploration]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Mineral Exploration
2. **Project summary description:** Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) holds several mineral claims in the Kivalliq region, near the Meadowbank site. The Proponent intends to continue and expand his Meadowbank regional exploration activities for gold mineralization. This expansion of the project area on a site, called "SAM," is another mineral exploration program by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited on Inuit-owned land under existing mineral leases. Planned work includes prospecting, till sampling, and geophysical surveys. Workers will stay at the Meadowbank Mine camp and be transported by helicopter; no separate exploration camp will be established at SAM.
3. **Summary of modifications:** This project modification adds the "SAM" mineral property to the Meadowbank Regional Exploration project site. A new land-use licence will be requested from KIA to permit activities at "SAM". The work will remain low-scale, with a small crew of 3–5 workers conducting prospecting, till sampling, and geophysical surveys.
4. **Associated NPC FILE No:** 148143, 149037, 149934, and 150334; **Associated NIRB FILE No:** 15EN050.
5. **Location:** Kivalliq Region; [approximately between 55 to 65 km north of Baker Lake]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, and the conformity determination was most recently issued on April 16, 2024, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed 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 request for a new land-use licence from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) to permit exploration activities at "SAM" 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=151179>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.