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NPC File No.: 148681

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DFO File No.: NU-03-191 Mine Site

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Goump Djalogue, Senior Planner
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Sent via email: gdjalogue@nunavut.ca

Re: Request for Opinion as to whether Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" Project Proposal is a Significant Modification to an Existing Project

Dear Goump Djalogue:

On January 12, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" project proposal. Specifically, the Commission requested the NIRB's opinion as to whether the project proposal represents a significant modification to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project approved under NIRB Project Certificate No. 004 (NIRB File No.: 03MN107).

On January 31, 2018 the NIRB requested submission of additional information from Agnico Eagle to allow for an evaluation of the significance of the proposed modifications, as well as to determine whether or not the proposed works/activities would trigger a formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 004 pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.8.2 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (the *Nunavut Agreement*) and s. 112(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

On February 26, 2018, Agnico Eagle provided supplemental information to address the items identified by the Board; the NIRB has since completed an internal review of the information provided and has considered the significance of the proposed change in relation to the scope of the approved Project as previously-assessed, as well as the extent to which the proposed change is likely to significantly affect the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts previously assessed

by the NIRB in respect of the approved Project. On this basis, it is the view of the Board that further assessment of the proposed modification and consideration for possible implications to the NIRB's monitoring program for the approved Meadowbank Project is warranted. The NIRB will await confirmation from the NPC that the proposed modification conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, prior to determining whether a formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 004 will be necessary.

Please be advised that the documentation referenced above can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Meadowbank Gold Project
- NIRB File No.: 03MN107
- Application No.: 125253

Should the Commission have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 857-4829 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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