



Public Notice

Participant Funding Available for the Assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project Proposal

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking participant funding to take part in the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) Whale Tail Pit Expansion Proposal, a proposed amendment to the Whale Tail Project. The NIRB's assessment will consider the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the modification proposal and will be conducted under both the Nunavut Agreement (Article 12, Section 12.8.2) and relevant reconsideration provisions of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) (Section 112) as required under that Act's transition provisions (Section 235). This funding supports public participation during the impact assessment process being conducted by the NIRB, including review of the amended Final Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the project proponent and preparation of associated information requests and technical comments; review of the proponent's response to the technical review comments; preparation for and participation in the technical meeting; preparation of final written submissions; and preparation for and participation in the Final Hearing.

Funding applications and a Participant Funding Guide can be accessed online at www.nirb.ca/funding or by contacting the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or toll-free at 1-866-233-3033.

Applications for funding must be prepared in accordance with the Participant Funding Guide and must be received by the NIRB no later than **February 7, 2019**:

Attn: Environmental Administration
Nunavut Impact Review Board
29 Mitik St., P.O. Box 1235
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0
Fax: (867) 983-2594
Email: info@nirb.ca

A funding review committee independent of the NIRB will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to specified eligibility criteria. All successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.

The Proposed Project Expansion

Agnico Eagle is proposing an expansion to the existing Whale Tail Pit project, an open-pit gold mine located in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. The Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project proposal encompasses activities which would overlap the physical footprint of the approved Whale Tail Pit Project and extend further into the Amaruq exploration area. The project will involve an expansion of the existing infrastructure as well as the development of new infrastructure and operations. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- development of a larger Whale Tail open pit than was previously assessed and approved for the Whale Tail Pit Project;
- development of a second open pit called the IVR Pit, including underground mining operations;
- development of associated mine infrastructure at the IVR Pit; and
- the continued processing of the additional ore mined at the expanded/additional pits at the approved Meadowbank Gold Mine.

Information regarding the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project, including the Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, can be found on the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125418