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**ELECTRONIC EMAIL**

**Subject: Environmental Assessment Decision and Concluding Steps for the Hammond Reef Gold Project Comprehensive Study**

Dear Mr. Lavoie:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, has announced her decision that the Hammond Reef Gold Project (the Project) is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects when the mitigation measures described in the Comprehensive Study Report (the Report) are taken into account. In reaching her decision, Minister McKenna considered the Report and the Indigenous and public comments on the Report.

With this decision, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited is expected to implement the mitigation measures, develop and implement the follow-up program, and fulfill the commitments described in the Report and Amended Environmental Impact Statement efficaciously, with meaningful engagement of the Indigenous groups, over the life of the Project.

The news release about her decision is available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry Internet site: <https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/63174?culture=en-CA>

The Report is also available on the Registry Internet site:  
<https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/exploration/63174?culture=en-CA>

The Project has been referred to the responsible authorities, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Natural Resources Canada, for a course of action decision pursuant to section 37 of the former *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The course of action decision will determine whether or not the responsible authorities may issue federal authorizations under the *Fisheries Act* and the *Explosives Act* in relation to the Project. The responsible authorities will make public their course of action decision and post it on the Registry Internet site.

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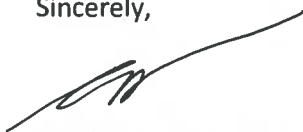
If the course of action indicates that the responsible authorities may issue federal authorizations, the Project can proceed to the regulatory phase. Consultations with Indigenous groups are expected to continue during the regulatory phase in relation to the federal authorizations mentioned above. In addition, consultation would occur to inform Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation to the Governor in Council for a decision on amending Schedule 2 of the *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations*. Consultation would also occur during this phase on the development and implementation of the federal follow-up program described in the Report.

Each responsible authority has a consultation coordinator for its respective regulatory process:

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Sara Eddy ([sara.eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:sara.eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca))
- Natural Resources Canada – Environmental Assessment Division ([nrcan.ea-spi-ee-isp.rncan@canada.ca](mailto:nrcan.ea-spi-ee-isp.rncan@canada.ca))
- Environment and Climate Change Canada – Nancy Seymour ([nancy.seymour@canada.ca](mailto:nancy.seymour@canada.ca))

Environment and Climate Change Canada will lead the federal follow-up program for the Project, subject to the course of action decision. Should you have questions about the follow-up program, please contact Rob Dobos, Manager, who can be reached at [rob.dobos@canada.ca](mailto:rob.dobos@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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