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Sent by email

Chief Wayne Wabie
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Dear Chief Wayne Wabie:

Subject: Notification that an Impact Assessment is required for the Upper Beaver Gold Project and Next Steps

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) has reviewed the Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues for the Upper Beaver Gold Project (the Project) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (the Proponent) on December 6, 2021. On December 16, 2021, the Agency determined that the submission conforms to the requirements of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* and posted the documents to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) at the following internet address: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/82960>.

Later on December 16, 2021, the Agency decided that a federal impact assessment of the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) is required. On December 20, 2021, the Agency also posted a Notice of Impact Assessment Decision with Reasons to the Registry Page for the Project.

Next Steps:

The draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines) and drafts of the Permitting Plan, Cooperation Plan, Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, and Public Participation Plan (the Plans) will be made available on the Project's Registry Internet site for a **40-day public comment period, anticipated to be held between January 24, 2022 and March 5, 2022**. The Agency will actively engage and consult on the draft Guidelines and Plans before posting the final documents with the Notice of Commencement for the impact assessment by Day 180 of the Planning Phase.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at *UpperBeaver@jaac-aeic.gc.ca*.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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