Dear Chief Bruce Archibald,

On October 28, 2021, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) suspended the 180-day time limit for the Planning Phase under the *Impact Assessment Act* for Upper Beaver Gold Project, upon request from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (the Proponent). Please see the <u>public notice</u> on the Impact Assessment Registry.

Upon receipt of the Detailed Project Description and response to the Summary of Issues from the Proponent, the Agency will review the documents and will decide whether to accept the documents within approximately 10 days. Please note that the Agency will post a notice on the Impact Assessment Registry and notify you when the Agency has accepted the Detailed Project Description and Proponent's response to the Summary of Issues.

The Detailed Project Description and the proponent's responses to the Summary of Issues will inform the Agency's determination of whether to require an impact assessment for the Project, and would inform the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, should an assessment be required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at the details in my email signature.

Kind regards,

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