Thank you for your continued interest in the Upper Beaver Gold Project (the Project), proposed by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (the proponent).

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a public comment period from September 13, 2021, to October 4, 2021, to collect input from the public, Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries and municipalities on the Initial Project Description and any issues that they consider relevant to the Project. To support public participation during the comment period, the Agency held virtual information sharing and discussion sessions that shared information about the Project and the impact assessment process, and facilitated discussion of the Project. These sessions were held on September 22 and 29, 2021. Thank you to those of you who provided comments and/or participated in the discussion sessions.

The Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency, was issued to the proponent on October 14, 2021, and is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page for the Project at https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/82960#keyDocumentsTable. The Registry also includes comments that were received during the comment period.

Next steps

Under subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), the proponent must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that includes an explanation of how it intends to address the issues in the Summary of Issues and other information required by regulations under the IAA. The Agency has requested the proponent to submit the Detailed Project Description by November 12, 2021. Under the IAA, the proponent has the ability to ask the Agency for more time, if needed.

The Detailed Project Description and the proponent's responses to the Summary of Issues will inform the Agency's determination of whether an impact assessment will be required for the Project, and would also inform the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, should an assessment be required. If the Agency determines that a federal impact assessment is required, the public will have additional opportunities to comment over the course of the impact assessment process.

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

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Thank you,

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