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Subject: Upper Beaver Update–Road Work

October 19, 2022

Hello Amy,

I am writing regarding the Upper Beaver update I received today 18-10-2022. It came to our attention in early October 2022 that Agnico Eagle has recently surveyed Beaverhouse Road for the purpose of expanding the road to accommodate mine traffic and to eliminate sections of the road that have too many curves, requiring new sections of road to be constructed through areas that are now forested. Your update today confirms the information we received.

“We are also evaluating the possibility to do some work along the Beaverhouse road that would include vegetation clearing along Beaverhouse road to improve the line of sight, as well as clearance of potential realignment. We will keep you inform once we have more details.”

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Looking at the Agnico Eagle update statement regarding road work, and the Agnico Eagle press release of August 11, 2022 it is difficult to accept the proposed road work is not preparatory work linked with project requirements necessary for the production phase of the Upper Beaver Gold Project.

- “The Company’s assets within the camp include the Macassa mine, the adjacent AK deposit, the Upper Beaver and Upper Canada deposits farther east as well as several other occurrences and adjacent joint venture interests.”
- “The objective is to develop additional mill feed for a future Upper Beaver mining operation, which includes target areas such as Upper Canada, Anoki-McBean, Munro and Bidgood.”
- “The Company’s internal study on Upper Beaver is expected to be updated in 2023 taking into consideration synergy opportunities from the Merger”

I would like to remind Agnico Eagle of section 2 of the IAA:

The definition of a ‘*designated project*’ includes activities which are ‘*incidental*’ to the project. Early exploration activities fall within the gambit of the definition of ‘*designated project*’ as they are intended to facilitate the future implementation of the project, if approved under the IAA process.

- The Upper Beaver Gold Project has yet to be approved by the IAAC, and as such the proposed activity may contravene section 2 of the IAA.
- Has Agnico Eagle informed the IAAC that they have surveyed the road for expansion, closing sections of the road and deforesting areas of existing land for the development of new sections of the road, before approval of the project has been granted.
- Under the Ontario Road Access Act, Agnico Eagle does not have the right to proceed in the work described above.

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We would ask that Agnico Eagle respect that the Upper Beaver Gold Project is under review by the IAAC and not proceed with the “*clearing along Beaverhouse road*” or “*clear areas of potential realignment.*”

As Agnico Eagles internal study regarding the Upper Beaver Gold Project will not be released until 2023, neither the IAAC, local communities, or local stakeholders know the true scope and integration of the proposed project or the “synergy opportunities from the Merger” with Kirkland Lake Gold.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

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