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February 17, 2017

Dear Ms. Grondin and Mr. Girard

Thank you for your letter dated January 26, 2017 regarding the response from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited to the Government of Canada proposed Carbon Tax and the potential economic impacts to the company's Nunavut growth strategy.

I am pleased that your company has identified Nunavut as a strategic platform for longterm investment. Resource development plays a critical role in economic development and building healthy communities in Nunavut. Further, I appreciate your commitment to participate in the discussion to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and implement alternative energy solutions.

The federal announcement that a carbon tax must be applied by all jurisdictions across Canada will have an effect on Nunavut. Through the *Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change*, the federal government has recognized the particular circumstances of Nunavut. It has committed to work together to assess the implications of carbon pricing in the territory for our economy, communities and people including energy costs, and to develop solutions together. My officials are currently working on developing a carbon tax that will make sense for Nunavut.

Thank you for your invitation to meet and discuss this matter further. Perhaps the April Nunavut Mining Symposium in Iqaluit would be an ideal time and location. If this is this is acceptable please contact my executive assistant, Teresa Hughes at 867-975-5052 or at <u>THughes@gov.nu.ca</u>

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

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Premier of Nunavut

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