



# News Release

## Nunavut and Agnico-Eagle sign MOU that maximizes opportunities for Kivalliq youth

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 18, 2012)** – The Government of Nunavut’s (GN) Department of Education and Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. today signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to maximize the capacity of Inuit youth in pursuing skilled trades and professional careers.

“This is a truly exciting time for young Nunavummiut. Career opportunities for youth have never been so broad or accessible,” said Premier Eva Aariak, Minister of Education. “I am thrilled about our partnership with Agnico-Eagle and look forward to our continued cooperation and success.”

This MOU strengthens the partnership between the GN and the mining company, and focuses on increasing the number of students in the Kivalliq region who will be able to successfully transition from high school to trades and mining-related careers. The Department of Education and Agnico-Eagle will implement youth engagement initiatives, and encourage students to stay in school by sharing resources and expertise in the development of mine and trades-related curriculum and career development activities.

“We are very pleased to be participating in this partnership agreement with the Government of Nunavut to encourage students to pursue skilled trades and professional careers in mining,” said Agnico-Eagle’s Senior Vice-President of Operations Yvon Sylvestre. “Agnico-Eagle is deeply committed to ensuring that we are able to make a significant and positive difference in the Kivalliq region and this agreement provides our future workers with the incentive and opportunity to pursue their dreams.”

The mining sector plays a significant role in local, regional and territorial economic development through job training, job creation and opportunity for growth for Nunavummiut.

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