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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM F-10**

#### REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## **AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Ontario, Canada

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

#### 1041

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

### Not Applicable

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:

From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

**Province of Ontario, Canada** (Principal jurisdiction regulating this offering)

It is proposed that this filing shall become effective (check appropriate box):

- A. o Upon filing with the Commission, pursuant to Rule 467(a) (if in connection with an offering being made contemporaneously in the United States and Canada)
- B. ý At some future date (check the appropriate box below)
  - 1. o pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time not sooner than 7 calendar days after filing).
  - 2. o pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time 7 calendar days or sooner after filing) because the securities regulatory authority in the review jurisdiction has issued a receipt or notification of clearance on ( ).
  - 3. o pursuant to Rule 467(b) as soon as practicable after notification of the Commission by the Registrant or the Canadian securities regulatory authority of the review jurisdiction that a receipt or notification of clearance has been issued with respect hereto.
  - 4. ý after the filing of the next amendment to this Form (if preliminary material is being filed).

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to the home jurisdiction's shelf prospectus offering procedures, check the following box.  $\circ$ 

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee
Debt Securities <sup>(2)</sup>				
Common Shares (no par value) <sup>(3)</sup>				
Warrants <sup>(4)</sup>				
Total	US\$500,000,000	100%	US\$500,000,000	US\$53,500

- Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The proposed maximum initial offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by the Registrant. In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed US\$500,000,000.
- Subject to Footnote (1), there are being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities as may be sold from time to time by the Registrant. If any such Debt Securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price of up to US\$500,000,000. There is also being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities as may be issuable upon the exercise of Warrants, registered hereby.
- (3)
  Subject to Footnote (1), there are being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Common Shares as may be sold from time to time by the Registrant. There are also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Common Shares as may be issuable upon conversion of the Debt Securities or exercise of Warrants registered hereby. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement will cover such indeterminate number of common shares of the registrant that may be issued in respect of stock splits, stock dividends and similar transactions.
- (4)
  Subject to Footnote (1), there are being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Warrants as may be sold from time to time by the Registrant.
  There are also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Common Shares and indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities as may be issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants registered hereby.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registration Statement shall become effective as provided in Rule 467 under the Securities Act of 1933 or on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, may determine.				
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### PART I

## INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE DELIVERED TO OFFEREES OR PURCHASERS

INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT, A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.

THIS OFFERING IS MADE BY A FOREIGN ISSUER THAT IS PERMITTED, UNDER A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DISCLOSURE SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES, TO PREPARE THIS PROSPECTUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE SECURITIES DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY HAVE TAX CONSEQUENCES BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN CANADA. SUCH CONSEQUENCES FOR INVESTORS WHO ARE RESIDENT IN, OR CITIZENS OF, THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT BE DESCRIBED FULLY HEREIN.

THE ENFORCEMENT BY INVESTORS OF CIVIL LIABILITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS MAY BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY THE FACT THAT THE REGISTRANT IS INCORPORATED OR ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, THAT SOME OR ALL OF ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MAY BE RESIDENTS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY, THAT SOME OR ALL OF THE UNDERWRITERS OR EXPERTS NAMED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT MAY BE RESIDENTS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND THAT ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE ASSETS OF THE REGISTRANT AND SAID PERSONS MAY BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

A copy of this preliminary short form base shelf prospectus has been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces of Canada but has not yet become final for the purpose of the sale of securities. Information contained in this preliminary short form base shelf prospectus may not be complete and may have to be amended. The securities may not be sold until a receipt for the short form base shelf prospectus is obtained from the securities regulatory authorities.

This preliminary short form base shelf prospectus has been filed under legislation in all provinces of Canada that permits certain information about these securities to be determined after this prospectus has become final and that permits the omission from this prospectus of that information. The legislation requires delivery to purchasers of a prospectus supplement containing the omitted information within a specified period of time after agreeing to purchase any of these securities

No securities regulatory authority in Canada or the United States has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise. This preliminary short form base shelf prospectus constitutes a public offering of securities only in those jurisdictions where they may lawfully be offered for sale and therein only by persons permitted to sell such securities.

Information has been incorporated by reference in this preliminary short form base shelf prospectus from documents filed with the securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities in each of the provinces of Canada and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the Corporate Secretary, Agnico- Eagle Mines Limited, 145 King Street East, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5C 2Y7 (telephone (416) 947-1212), and are also available electronically at www.sedar.com and www.sec.gov. For the purpose of the Province of Quebec, this simplified prospectus contains information to be completed by consulting the permanent information record. A copy of the permanent information record may be obtained from the Corporate Secretary of the Company at the above mentioned address and telephone number and is also available electronically at www.sedar.com. The Company's head office and registered office is located at 145 King Street East, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5C 2Y7.

#### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

#### PRELIMINARY SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS

November 22, 2006

## AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED

#### **Debt Securities**

#### **Common Shares**

#### Warrants

## US\$500,000,000

Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited ("Agnico-Eagle" or the "Company") may from time to time offer and issue debt securities, common shares or warrants to purchase debt securities or common shares (collectively, the "Securities"), up to a total price of US\$500,000,000 during the 25-month period that this preliminary short form base shelf prospectus, including any amendments hereto, remains valid. Securities may be offered separately or together, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined based on market conditions at the time of sale and set forth in an accompanying shelf prospectus supplement (a "Prospectus Supplement").

The specific variable terms of any offering of Securities will be set out in the applicable Prospectus Supplement including, where applicable: (i) in the case of common shares, the number of shares offered, the offering price and any other specific terms; (ii) in the case of debt securities, the designation of the debt securities, any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities, whether payment on the debt securities will be senior or subordinated to the Company's other liabilities and obligations, whether the debt securities will be secured by any of the Company's assets or guaranteed by any other person, whether the debt securities will bear interest, the interest rate or method of determining the interest rate, whether any conversion or exchange rights will be attached to the debt securities, whether the Company may redeem the debt securities at its option and any other specific terms; and (iii) in the case of warrants, the designation, number and terms of debt securities or common shares purchasable on the exercise of the warrants, any procedures that will result in adjustment of these numbers, the exercise price, dates and periods of exercise, the currency in which the warrants are issued and any other specific terms. A Prospectus Supplement may include specific variable terms pertaining to the Securities that are not within the alternatives and parameters described in this prospectus.

All shelf information permitted under applicable laws to be omitted from this prospectus will be contained in one or more Prospectus Supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with this prospectus. Each Prospectus Supplement will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of the Prospectus Supplement and only for the purposes of the distribution of the Securities to which the Prospectus Supplement pertains.

The Company may sell the Securities to or through underwriters or dealers purchasing as principals and may also sell the Securities to one or more purchasers directly subject to obtaining any required exemptive relief or through agents. The Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular offering of Securities will identify each underwriter, dealer or agent engaged in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities and will set forth the terms of the offering of such Securities, the method of distribution of such Securities including, to the extent applicable, the proceeds to the Company and any fees, discounts or any other compensation payable to underwriters, dealers or agents and any other material terms of the plan of distribution.

The outstanding common shares of the Company are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") and on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the symbol "AEM". The Company's share purchase warrants ("Warrants") trade on the TSX under the symbol "AEM.WT.U" and the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "AEMLW".

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Only the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus should be relied upon. The Company has not authorized any other person to provide different information. If anyone provides different or inconsistent information, it should not be relied upon. The Securities offered hereunder may not be offered or sold in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. Unless otherwise indicated, the statistical, operating and financial information contained in this prospectus is presented as at November 21, 2006. It should be assumed that the information appearing in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are accurate only as of their respective dates. The Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

In this prospectus, unless stated otherwise, "Agnico-Eagle", the "Company", "we", "us", and "our" refer to Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The Company publishes its consolidated financial statements in United States dollars ("US dollars"). Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "\$", "US\$" or "dollar" in this prospectus refer to US dollars and "C\$" refers to Canadian dollars. For information purposes, the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers in Canadian dollars as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the "Noon Buying Rate") on November 21, 2006 was US\$1.00 = C\$1.1474.

Unless otherwise stated herein, all financial statement data used herein was prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP").

## NOTE TO INVESTORS CONCERNING ESTIMATES OF MINERAL RESERVES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

The mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). These standards are similar to those used by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") Industry Guide No. 7. However, the definitions in NI 43-101 differ in certain respects from those under Industry Guide No. 7. Accordingly, mineral reserve and mineral resource information contained or incorporated by reference herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. Under the requirements of the SEC, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made.

The metal grades reported in the mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates represent in-place grades and do not reflect losses in the recovery process, that is, the metallurgical losses associated with processing the extracted ore. The mineral reserve figures presented and incorporated by reference herein are estimates, and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. The Company does not include equivalent gold ounces for byproduct metals contained in mineral reserves in its calculation of contained ounces.

#### Cautionary Note to Investors Concerning Estimates of Measured and Indicated Resources

This prospectus and documents incorporated by reference herein use the terms "measured resources" and "indicated resources". We advise investors that while those terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the SEC does not recognize them. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves.

#### **Cautionary Note to Investors Concerning Estimates of Inferred Resources**

This prospectus and documents incorporated by reference herein use the term "inferred resources". We advise investors that while this term is recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the SEC does not recognize it. "Inferred resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence, and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that part or all of an inferred resource exists, or is economically or legally mineable.

For definitions of the terms used in this section, see the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2005 (filed with the SEC on March 28, 2006), as amended by the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F/A (filed with the SEC on May 26, 2006) (as so amended, the "Form 20-F").

#### NOTE TO INVESTORS CONCERNING CERTAIN MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein present "total cash costs per ounce" and "minesite cost per tonne" that are not recognized measures under US GAAP. This data may not be comparable to data presented by other gold producers. A reconciliation of these measures to the most comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with US GAAP is set out below.

	7	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,			Year ended December 31,						
		2006	20	005		2006		2005		2005		2004		2003
						(thou	san	ds, except a	s not	ted)				
Total cash costs per ounce														
Production costs per US GAAP	\$	36,456	\$	32,548	\$	105,210	\$	93,789	\$	127,365	\$	98,168	\$	104,990
Adjustments:														
Net byproduct revenues		(74,192)	(	28,812)		(207,419)		(77,509)		(123,450)		(82,521)		(41,254)
Inventory adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>		(4,430)		(1,588)		(9,767)		(4,119)		6,991				
El Coco royalty														(12,888)
Non-cash reclamation provision		(116)		(108)		(333)		(320)		(429)		(493)		(151)
Cash costs	\$	(42,282)	\$	2,040	\$	(112,309)	\$	11,841		10,477		15,154		50,697
Gold production (ounces)		59,603		61,704		179,804		178,785		241,807		271,567		236,653
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Cash costs per ounce	\$	63	\$	57	\$	61	\$	55	\$	43	\$	56	\$	215
El Coco royalty														54
Total cash costs per ounce	\$	(709)	\$	33	\$	(625)	\$	66	\$	43	\$	56	\$	269
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Minesite cost per tonne Production costs per US GAAP	\$	36,456	¢	32,548	¢	105,210	¢	93,789	¢	127,365	¢	98,168	¢	104,990
Adjustments:	φ	30,430	Ф	32,340	φ	103,210	φ	93,769	φ	127,303	φ	90,100	φ	104,990
Inventory <sup>(2)</sup> and hedging <sup>(3)</sup> adjustments		1,250		(915)		2,812		(3,530)		(4,752)		12,107		54
El Coco royalty		(116)		(100)		(222)		(220)		(420)		(214)		(12,888)
Non-cash reclamation provision		(116)		(108)		(333)		(320)		(429)		(314)		(519)
Minesite costs	\$	37,590	\$	31,525	\$	107,689	\$	89,939	\$	122,184	\$	109,961	\$	91,637
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Minesite costs	C\$	42,153	C\$	37,913	C\$	121,591	C\$	109,986	C\$	147,834	C\$	142,702	C\$	127,931
Tonnes milled		669		660		1,987		1,999		2,672		2,701		2,222
Minesite costs per tonne milled <sup>(1)</sup>	C\$	63	C\$	57	C\$	61	C\$	55	C\$	55	C\$	53	C\$	58

#### Notes:

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<sup>(1)</sup>Under the Company's revenue recognition policy, revenue is recognized on concentrates when legal title passes. Since total cash costs are calculated on a production basis, this adjustment reflects the portion of concentrate production for which revenue has not been recognized in the year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Inventory adjustments reflect costs associated with unsold concentrate.

Hedging adjustments reflect gains and losses on the Company's derivative positions entered into to hedge the effects of foreign exchange fluctuations on production costs. These items are not reflective of operating performance and thus have been eliminated when calculating minesite costs per tonne.

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein also contain information as to estimated future total cash costs per ounce and minesite cost per tonne for projects under development. These estimates are based upon the total cash costs per ounce and minesite cost per tonne that the Company expects to incur to mine gold at those projects and, consistent with the above reconciliation, does not include production costs attributable to accretion expense and other asset retirement costs, which will vary over time as each project is developed and mined. It is therefore not practicable to reconcile these forward-looking non-US GAAP financial measures to the most comparable US GAAP measure.

The Company believes that these generally accepted industry measures are realistic indicators of operating performance and useful for year over year comparisons. However, both of these non-GAAP measures should be considered together with other data prepared in accordance with US GAAP, and these measures, taken by themselves, are not necessarily indicative of operating costs or cash flow measures prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following information is a summary only and is to be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this summary have the respective meanings ascribed thereto elsewhere in this prospectus. Unless otherwise indicated, the statistical, operating and financial information contained in this prospectus is presented as at November 21, 2006.

#### The Company

The Company is an established Canadian gold producer with mining operations in Quebec and exploration and development activities in Canada, Finland, Mexico and the United States. The Company's operating history includes over three decades of continuous gold production, primarily from underground operations. Since its formation in 1972, the Company has produced over 4.0 million ounces of gold. In the first three quarters of 2006, the Company produced 179,804 ounces of gold at a total cash cost of *minus* \$625 per ounce and, in the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company produced 241,807 ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$43 per ounce, in each case net of revenues received from the sale of silver, zinc and copper byproducts. The Company believes it is currently one of the lowest total cash cost producers in the North American gold mining industry. The Company has historically sold all of its production at the spot price of gold pursuant to its general policy not to sell forward its future gold production.

The Company's strategy is to focus on the continuing exploration and development at the LaRonde Mine (including the LaRonde II mine project, described below), the Goldex mine project and the Lapa mine project in Quebec, and at the Kittila mine project in northern Finland, with a view to increasing annual gold production and gold mineral reserves. In addition, the Company intends to continue exploration and development at its Pinos Altos project in northern Mexico.

The LaRonde Mine currently accounts for all of the Company's gold production. In July 2005, the Company initiated construction at the Goldex mine project, where initial production is expected to commence in 2008. The Company is also initiating construction of the Kittila mine project and completing construction of the Lapa mine project, both of which are expected to commence production in 2008. In addition, the Company has commenced construction of the LaRonde II mine project at the LaRonde Mine. The Company expects production from the LaRonde II mine project to commence in 2011.

#### **Recent Developments**

On June 7, 2006, the Company issued 8,455,000 common shares in a public offering for net proceeds of approximately \$237.6 million. The net proceeds of the offering are being used to fund the completion of construction of the Lapa mine project, construction of the Kittila mine project, the exploration and development at the Company's other projects and for general corporate purposes, including possible acquisitions. In addition, the Company completed private placements of an aggregate of 1,226,000 flow-through common shares for total proceeds of \$35 million during the first quarter of 2006.

On October 17, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement to amend its revolving bank credit facility (the "Amended Facility") with a group of financial institutions. Among other things, the amendments increased the amount available under the facility to \$300 million and extended the term to December 31, 2011. Under the Amended Facility, the Company, with the consent of lenders representing  $66^2/3\%$  of the aggregate commitments under the facility, has the option to extend the term of the facility for three additional one-year terms to December 23, 2014. See "Description of Existing Indebtedness" Bank Credit Facility".

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information contained in this prospectus has, unless otherwise specified, been prepared as of November 21, 2006, and unless otherwise specified, the information contained in the documents incorporated by reference herein has been prepared as of the respective dates of such documents. Certain statements contained in this prospectus and in certain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus constitute "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the provisions of Canadian provincial securities laws. When used in such documents, the words "anticipate", "believe", "could", "expect", "estimate", "forecast", "may", "outlook", "planned", "should", "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements.

Forward looking statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein include, but are not limited to: the Company's outlook for 2006 and future periods; statements regarding future earnings, and the sensitivity of earnings to gold and other metal prices; anticipated trends for prices of gold and byproducts mined by the Company; estimates of future mineral production and sales; estimates of mine life; estimates of future mining costs, cash costs, minesite costs and other expenses; estimates of future capital expenditures and other cash needs, and expectations as to the funding thereof; statements as to the projected development of certain ore deposits, including estimates of exploration, development and production and other capital costs and estimates of the timing of such development and production or decisions with respect to such development and production; estimates of reserves and resources, and statements regarding anticipated future exploration and feasibility study results; the anticipated timing of events with respect to the Company's minesites, mine construction projects and exploration projects; estimates of future costs and other liabilities for environmental remediation; and other anticipated trends with respect to the Company's capital resources and results of operations. Such statements reflect the Company's views as of the date of this prospectus or the date the document incorporated by reference was prepared and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Many factors, known and unknown, could cause the actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward looking statements. Such risks include, but are not limited to: the volatility of prices of gold and other metals; uncertainty of mineral reserves, mineral grades and mineral recovery estimates; uncertainty of future production, capital expenditures, and other costs; currency fluctuations; financing of additional capital requirements; cost of exploration and development programs; mining risks; risks associated with foreign operations; risks related to title issues at the Pinos Altos project; governmental and environmental regulation; risks associated with the Company's byproduct metal derivative strategies; and risks associated with internal control over financial reporting. For a more detailed discussion of such risks and material factors or assumptions underlying these forward looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in this prospectus, the Form 20-F, as well as the Company's other filings with the Canadian Securities Administrators and the SEC. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward looking statements except as required by law. Accordingly, readers are advised not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Certain of the statements and information, primarily related to projects, are based on preliminary views of the Company with respect to, among other things, grade, tonnage, processing, mining methods, capital costs and location of surface infrastructure, and actual results and final decisions may be materially different from those currently anticipated.

#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Securities involves certain risks. Before making an investment decision, prospective purchasers should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and, in particular, should evaluate the following risk factors. However, the risks described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not currently known to the Company or that the Company currently deems immaterial may also impair the Company's business operations.

The Company is dependent upon its mining and milling operations at LaRonde and any adverse condition affecting those operations may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial performance and results of operations

The Company's mining and milling operations at the LaRonde Mine account for all of the Company's gold production and will continue to account for all of its gold production in the future unless additional properties are acquired or brought into production. Any adverse condition affecting mining or milling at the LaRonde Mine could be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial performance and results of operations until such time as the condition is remedied. In addition, the Company's ongoing development of the LaRonde Mine involves the exploration and extraction of ore from new areas and may present new or different challenges for the Company. Based on current infrastructure, the LaRonde Mine (including the LaRonde II mine project) has an estimated mine life of approximately 14 years; however gold production at the LaRonde Mine is expected to begin to decline commencing in 2007. Unless the Company can successfully bring into production the Goldex mine project, the Lapa mine project or the Kittila mine project or otherwise acquire gold producing assets by 2008, the Company's results of operations will be adversely affected. There can be no assurance that the Company's current exploration and development programs will result in any new economically viable mining operations or yield new mineral reserves to replace and expand current mineral reserves.

#### The Company's financial performance and results may fluctuate widely due to volatile and unpredictable commodity prices

The Company's earnings are directly related to commodity prices as its revenues are primarily derived from precious metals (gold and silver), zinc and copper. The Company's policy and practice is not to sell forward its future gold production, however, under the Company's Price Risk Management Policy, approved by its Board of Directors, the Company may review this practice on a project by project basis. Gold prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including central bank sales, producer hedging activities, expectations of inflation, the relative exchange rate of the US dollar with other major currencies, global and regional demand and political and economic conditions, and production costs in major gold producing regions. The aggregate effect of these factors is impossible to predict with accuracy. Gold prices are also affected by worldwide production levels. In addition, the price of gold has on occasion been subject to very rapid short-term changes because of speculative activities. Fluctuations in gold prices may adversely affect the Company's financial performance or results of operations. If the market price of gold falls below the Company's total cash costs of production at that time and remains so for any sustained period, the Company may experience losses and/or may curtail or suspend some or all of its exploration, development and mining activities. Also, the Company's decisions to proceed with its current mine development projects have been based on a market price of gold of \$450 per ounce. If the market price of gold falls below this level, the mine development projects may be rendered uneconomic and development of the mine projects may be suspended or delayed. The prices received for the Company's byproducts (zinc, silver and copper) affect the Company's ability to meet its targets for total cash cost per ounce of gold produced. Byproduct prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control. The Company occasionally uses derivative instruments to mitigate the effects of fluctuating byproduct metal prices, however, these measures may not be successful.

The volatility of gold prices is illustrated in the following table which sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low afternoon fixing prices for gold on the London Bullion Market (the "London P.M. Fix") and the average gold prices received by the Company.

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(to November 21)					
High price (\$ per ounce)	725	537	454	417	350	293
Low price (\$ per ounce)	525	411	375	323	278	256
Average price received (\$ per ounce)	601	449	418	368	312	273

On November 21, 2006, the London P.M. Fix was \$624.50 per ounce of gold.

Based on 2006 production estimates, the approximate sensitivities of the Company's after-tax income to a 10% change in metal prices from 2005 market average prices are as follows:

	Income per share
Gold	\$ 0.06
Zinc	\$ 0.04
Silver	\$ 0.02
Copper	\$ 0.02

Sensitivities of the Company's after-tax income to changes in metal prices will increase with increased production.

If the Company experiences mining accidents, major equipment failures or other adverse conditions, the Company's mining operations may yield less gold than indicated by its estimated gold production

The Company's gold production may fall below estimated levels as a result of mining accidents such as cave-ins, rock falls, rock bursts, fires, flooding or major equipment failures (such as a failure of the production hoist or the SAG mill). In addition, production may be unexpectedly reduced if, during the course of mining, unfavourable ground conditions or seismic activity are encountered, ore grades are lower than expected, or the physical or metallurgical characteristics of the ore are less amenable than expected to mining or treatment. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will achieve current or future production estimates.

In 2003, a rock fall in two production stopes at the LaRonde Mine led to an initial 20% reduction in the Company's 2003 gold production estimate and production drilling challenges and lower than planned recoveries in the mill in the third quarter of 2003 led to a further reduction in the production estimate by 21% for that year. In 2004, higher than expected dilution in lower levels of the mine led to actual gold production for the year of 271,567 ounces, below the initial production estimate of 308,000 ounces. In the first quarter of 2005, increased stress levels in the sill pillar area below Level 194 required three production sublevels to be closed for rehabilitation for a period of six weeks. Production from these sublevels was delayed and replaced by ore extracted from the upper levels of the mine that have relatively lower gold content. The lower gold content of this ore, together with higher than budgeted dilution, resulted in actual gold production in 2005 being 241,807 ounces, approximately 38,000 ounces less than the Company's original forecast of 2005 production of 280,000 ounces.

The Company's mine construction projects are subject to risks associated with new mine development, which may result in delays in the start-up of mining operations, delays in existing operations and unanticipated costs

The Company announced in June 2006 that it proposes to develop new mining operations at the LaRonde Mine (the LaRonde II mine project) and the Lapa mine project in Quebec, and the Kittila mine project in northern Finland. The Company also commenced construction of the Goldex mine project in Quebec in 2005.

The Company believes that on completion the LaRonde II mine project will be one of the deepest operations in the Western Hemisphere with an expected depth ranging from 2,450 to 3,110 meters. These operations will rely on a series of new systems for the hauling of ore and materials to the surface, including a winze (or vertical shaft) and series of ramps linking mining deposits to the Penna Shaft currently servicing the LaRonde Mine. The depth of the operations could pose significant challenges to the Company such as managing geomechanical risks and ventilation and air conditioning requirements, which may result in difficulties and delays in achieving gold production objectives.

The development of the LaRonde II, Goldex, Lapa and Kittila mine projects require the construction of significant new underground mining operations. The construction of these underground mining facilities is subject to a number of risks, including unforeseen geological formations, implementation of new mining processes, delays in obtaining required construction, environmental or operating permits, and engineering and mine design adjustments. These risks may result in delays in the planned start-up dates and in additional costs being incurred by the Company beyond those budgeted. Moreover, the construction activities at LaRonde II will take place concurrently with normal mining operations at LaRonde, which may result in conflicts with, or possible delays to, existing mining operations.

#### The Company may experience operational difficulties at its recently acquired projects in Finland and Mexico

The Company's operations have been expanded to include a mine construction project in Finland and an advanced exploration project in northern Mexico. These operations are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties that are different from those encountered at the Company's current operational base in Canada. These risks and uncertainties vary from country to country and could include, but are not limited to: extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates; high rates of inflation; labour unrest; the risks of war or civil unrest; expropriation and nationalization; renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licences, permits and contracts; illegal mining; corruption; changes in taxation policies; restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation; hostage taking; and changing political conditions, currency controls and governmental regulations that favour or require the awarding of contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction. In addition, the Company will have to comply with multiple and potentially conflicting regulations in Canada, the United States, Europe and Mexico, including export requirements, taxes, tariffs, import duties and other trade barriers, as well as health and safety requirements.

Changes, if any, in mining or investment policies or shifts in political attitude in Finland or Mexico may adversely affect the Company's operations or profitability. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to matters including restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, currency remittance, income and other taxes, expropriation of property, foreign investment, maintenance of claims, environmental legislation, land use, land claims of local people, water use and mine safety. Failure to comply strictly with applicable laws, regulations and local practices relating to mineral right applications and tenure could result in loss, reduction or expropriation of entitlements, or the imposition of additional local or foreign parties as joint venture partners with carried or other interests.

In addition, the Company has no significant operating experience in Finland, Mexico or internationally. Finland and Mexico operate under significantly different laws and regulations and there exist cultural and language differences between these countries and Canada. Also, the Company will face challenges inherent in efficiently managing an increased number of employees over large geographical distances, including the challenges of staffing and managing operations in multiple locations and implementing appropriate systems, policies, benefits and compliance programs. These challenges may divert management's attention to the detriment of its operations in Quebec. There can be no assurance that difficulties associated with the Company's expanded foreign operations can be successfully managed.

## The Company may experience problems in executing acquisitions or managing and integrating any completed acquisitions with its existing operations

The Company regularly evaluates opportunities to acquire shares or assets of other mining businesses. Such acquisitions may be significant in size, may change the scale of the Company's business and may expose the Company to new geological, operating, financial, geographical or political risks. The Company's success in its acquisition activities depends on its ability to identify suitable acquisition candidates, acquire them on acceptable terms and integrate their operations successfully with those of the Company. Any acquisitions would be accompanied by risks, such as the difficulty of assimilating the operations and personnel of any acquired businesses; the potential disruption of the Company's ongoing business; the inability of management to maximize the financial and strategic position of the Company through the successful integration of acquired assets and businesses; the maintenance of uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies; the impairment of relationships with employees, customers and contractors as a result of any integration of new management personnel; and the potential unknown liabilities associated with acquired assets and businesses. In addition, the Company may need additional capital to finance an acquisition. Debt financing related to any acquisition may expose the Company to increased risk of leverage, while equity financing may cause existing shareholders to suffer dilution. The Company is permitted under the terms of its recently amended bank credit facility to raise additional debt financing provided that it complies with certain covenants, including that no default under the credit facility has occurred and is continuing, the terms of such indebtedness are no more onerous to the Company than those under the credit facility and the creation, incurrence, assumption or existence of such indebtedness would not result in a material adverse change in respect of the Company or the LaRonde Mine (which includes the LaRonde II mine project), the Goldex mine project, the Lapa mine project and the Kittila mine project taken as a whole. There can be no assurance that the Company would be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered in connection with such acquisitions.

## The Company's cash costs of gold production depend, in part, on external factors that are subject to fluctuation and, if such costs increase, some or all of the Company's activities may become unprofitable

The Company's total cash costs to produce an ounce of gold are dependent on a number of factors, including, primarily, the prices and production levels of byproduct silver, zinc and copper, the revenue from which is offset against the cost of gold production, the Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar exchange rate, smelting and refining charges and production royalties, which are affected by all these factors and the gold price. All these factors are beyond the Company's control. If the Company's total cash costs of producing an ounce of gold rise above the market price of gold and remain so for any sustained period, the Company may experience losses and may curtail or suspend some or all of its exploration, development and mining activities.

Total cash cost per ounce is not a recognized measure under US GAAP, and this data may not be comparable to data presented by other gold producers. Management uses this generally accepted industry measure in evaluating operating performance and believes it to be a realistic indication of such performance and useful in allowing year over year comparisons. The data also indicates the Company's ability to generate cash flow and operating income at various gold prices. This additional information should be considered together with other data prepared in accordance with US GAAP and is not necessarily indicative of operating costs or cash flow measures prepared in accordance with US GAAP. See "Note to Investors Concerning Certain Measures of Performance" for reconciliation of total cash costs per ounce and minesite costs per tonne to their closest US GAAP measure.

#### The exploration of mineral properties is highly speculative, involves substantial expenditures, and is frequently unproductive

The Company's profitability is significantly affected by the costs and results of its exploration and development programs. As mines have limited lives based on proven and probable mineral reserves, the Company actively seeks to replace and expand its reserves through exploration and development and, from time to time, through strategic acquisitions. Exploration for minerals is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks and frequently is unsuccessful. Among the many uncertainties inherent in any gold exploration

and development program are the location of economic ore bodies, the development of appropriate metallurgical processes, the receipt of necessary governmental permits and the construction of mining and processing facilities. In addition, substantial expenditures are required to pursue such exploration and development activities. Assuming discovery of an economic ore body, depending on the type of mining operation involved, several years may elapse from the initial phases of drilling until commercial operations are commenced, and during such time the economic feasibility of production may change. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company's current exploration and development programs will result in any new economically viable mining operations or yield new reserves to replace and expand current reserves.

#### Mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates are only estimates and the Company cannot assure that such estimates will be accurate

The figures for mineral reserves and mineral resources presented herein are estimates, and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery of gold will be realized. The ore grade actually recovered by the Company may differ from the estimated grades of the mineral reserves and mineral resources. Such figures have been determined based on assumed gold prices and operating costs. The Company has estimated proven and probable mineral reserves based on a \$405 per ounce gold price, which was the three-year average daily price at the time the level of reserves was determined. Gold prices have generally been above \$405 per ounce since the beginning of 2004, however for the five years prior to that the market price of gold was generally below \$405 per ounce. Based on the metals price and exchange rate assumptions used in the Company's 2006 production estimates, a 10% decrease in the assumed gold price of \$405 per ounce would result in an approximately 5% decrease on average in proven and probable gold reserves. Prolonged declines in the market price of gold may render mineral reserves containing relatively lower grades of gold mineralization uneconomic to exploit and could materially reduce the Company's reserves. Should such reductions occur, the Company could be required to take a material write-down of its investment in mining properties or delay or discontinue production or the development of new projects, resulting in increased net losses and reduced cash flow. Market price fluctuations of gold, as well as increased production costs or reduced recovery rates, may render mineral reserves containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomical to recover and may ultimately result in a restatement of mineral resources. Short-term factors relating to mineral reserves, such as the need for orderly development of ore bodies or the processing of new or different grades, may impair the profitability of a mine in any particular accounting

Mineral resource estimates for properties that have not commenced production are based, in most instances, on very limited and widely spaced drill hole information, which is not necessarily indicative of conditions between and around the drill holes. Accordingly, such mineral resource estimates may require revision as more drilling information becomes available or as actual production experience is gained. See "Note to Investors Regarding Estimates of Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources".

# The Company may have difficulty financing its additional capital requirements for its planned mine construction, exploration and development

The exploration and development of the Company's properties, including continuing exploration and development projects in Quebec, the Kittila mine project in Finland and the Pinos Altos project in Mexico and the construction of mining facilities and commencement of mining operations at the LaRonde II mine project, the Goldex mine project, the Kittila mine project and the Lapa mine project will require substantial capital expenditures. In addition, the Company will have further capital requirements to the extent it decides to expand its present operations and exploration activities or construct new mining and processing operations at any of its properties or take advantage of opportunities for acquisitions, joint ventures or other business opportunities that may arise. Also, the Company may incur major unanticipated expenses related to exploration, development or mine construction or maintenance on its properties. Failure to obtain any financing necessary for the Company's capital expenditure plans may result in a delay or indefinite postponement of exploration, development or production on any or all of the Company's properties. Historically, the Company has financed its expenditures through a combination of offerings of equity and debt securities, bank borrowing and cash flow generated from operations at the LaRonde Mine, and the

Company expects to use such sources of funds to finance its anticipated expenditures. However, additional financing may not be available when needed or, if available, the terms of such financing may not be favourable to the Company and, if raised by offering equity securities, any additional financing may involve substantial dilution to existing shareholders. Failure to raise capital when needed or on reasonable terms may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

If the Company fails to comply with restrictive covenants in its bank credit agreement, the Company's loan availability could be limited and the Company may be in default under other debt agreements, which could harm the Company's business

The Company's recently amended \$300 million revolving bank credit facility limits, among other things, the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make payments in respect of its common shares, make investments or loans, transfer the Company's assets, or make expenditures relating to property secured under the credit agreement at that time that are inconsistent with the mine plan and operating budget delivered pursuant to the credit facility. Further, the bank credit facility requires the Company to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial condition covenants. Events beyond the Company's control, including changes in general economic and business conditions, may affect the Company's ability to satisfy these covenants, which could result in a default under the bank credit facility. While there are currently no amounts of principal or interest owing under the bank credit facility, if an event of default under the bank credit facility occurs, the Company would be unable to draw down on the facility, or if amounts were drawn down at the time of the default, the lenders could elect to declare all principal amounts outstanding thereunder at such time, together with accrued interest, to be immediately due and payable and to enforce their security interest over substantially all property relating to the LaRonde Mine (including the El Coco and Terrex properties), the Goldex mine project and the Lapa mine project and the pledge of the shares of Agnico-Eagle Sweden AB, the Company's direct subsidiary that holds its indirect interest in the Kittila mine project. An event of default under the bank credit facility may also give rise to an event of default under existing and future debt agreements and, in such event, the Company may not have sufficient funds to repay amounts owing under such agreements.

#### The mining industry is highly competitive and the Company may not be successful in competing for new mining properties

Many companies and individuals are engaged in the mining business, including large, established mining companies with substantial capabilities and long earnings histories. There is a limited supply of desirable mineral lands available for claim staking, lease or other acquisition in the areas where the Company contemplates conducting exploration activities. The Company may be at a competitive disadvantage in acquiring mining properties, as it must compete with these individuals and companies, many of which have greater financial resources and larger technical staffs than the Company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to compete successfully for new mining properties.

Due to the nature of the Company's mining operations, the Company faces a material risk of liability, delays and increased production costs from environmental and industrial accidents and pollution, and the Company's insurance coverage may prove inadequate to satisfy future claims against the Company

The business of gold mining is generally subject to certain types of risks and hazards, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected rock formations, changes in the regulatory environment, cave-ins, rock bursts, rock falls and flooding and gold bullion losses. Such occurrences could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or production facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability. The Company carries insurance to protect itself against certain risks of mining and processing in amounts that it considers to be adequate but which may not provide adequate coverage in certain unforeseen circumstances. The Company may also become subject to liability for pollution, cave-ins or other hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons, or the Company may become subject to liabilities which exceed policy limits. In such case, the Company may be

required to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect on its financial performance and results of operations.

Title problems with surface rights on mineral properties at the Pinos Altos project could have a negative impact on the Company's future operations

The assets comprising the recently acquired Pinos Altos project in Mexico include an assignment by Industrias Peñoles S.A. de C.V. of rights under its contract with Minerales El Madroño S.A. de C.V. ("Madroño") to use an unspecified 400 hectares of land for mining installations for a period of 20 years after formal mining operations have been initiated. Madroño's title to some portions of the lands on which the 400 hectares are to be identified is being contested by neighbouring ejidos, agrarian cooperative communities recognized under Mexican law. Since 1997, three ejidos have initiated court actions to have certain surface rights assigned to them. If the ejidos are ultimately successful in having the surface rights relating to these concessions assigned to them by the courts, the Company may have to negotiate with these ejidos instead of their current alleged owners and it is likely that payments will be required to be made to ejidos to acquire access to the lands. There can be no assurance that the Company