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Subject: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. – Meliadine Gold Project – New – Type "B" - AWAR

Dear Mr. Lamontagne:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt, on October 6, 2011, of a new application for a Type "B" water license for water use and waste disposal associated with activities in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut. The application consists of the following documents:

- Water Licence Application;
- Culvert Bridge Questionnaire;
- Cover Letter to NWB;
- Cover letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB);
- Non technical English and Inuktitut Summary;
- Phase 1 Meliadine All-Weather Access Road Project Description and Environmental Assessment; with
 - o Appendix A Operations & Maintenance Manual for the Phase 1 All-Weather Access Road;
 - o Appendix B Application for Approval for the Proposed Meliadine West-All Weather Access Road, Various Crossings, Nunavut;
 - o Appendix C Stream Crossing Summary Sheets;
 - Appendix D DFO Part 4 Screening of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. All-Weather Road;
 - o Appendix E-1 Terrain Unit Descriptions and Interpretations;
 - o Appendix E-2 Terrain Classification Codes and Terminology;
 - o Appendix F Terrain Type Map Unit Figures;
 - o Appendix G Plan for the Protection of Archaeological and Cultural Features;
 - o Appendix H Applicable Acts, Regulations, and Guidelines;
 - Appendix I NIRB Screening Part 1 Form English;
 - o Appendix I NIRB Screening Part 1 Form Inuktitut; and
 - o Appendix K NIRB Screening Part 2 Form.

- Geomorphology and Soils Meliadine Access Road, Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut;
- All Weather Access Road Meliadine Gold Project Feasibility Level Design;
- Meliadine Gold Project Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan for Water Licences 2BE-MEP0813 and 2BB-MEL0914;
- Meliadine Gold Project Waste Rock and Ore Management Plan Underground Mineral Exploration and Bulk Sample Program;
- Meliadine Gold Project Waste Management Plan;
- Meliadine Gold Project Water Management Plan;
- Meliadine Gold Project Fuel Management and Spill Contingency Plan for Water Licences 2BE-MEP0813 and 2BB-MEL0914;
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan for the Meliadine Gold Project;
- Geochemical Assessment of Potential Road Construction Material Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut;
 and
- Meliadine Gold Updated Project Description; with
 - Appendix A Synopsis of Exploration History;
 - o Appendix B Acts, Regulations and Guidelines Applicable to the Meliadine Gold Project;
 - o Appendix C Consultations and Meetings for Community, Regulatory Agencies and Elders 1995-2001;
 - o Appendix D NIRB Forms;
 - o Appendix E Confirmation Letter sent to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The application can be obtained from our ftp site under PRUC with Username: public, Password: registry.

The NWB undertook a preliminary review of your application and concluded that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("Act"). However, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or to issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act. A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area* and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada ("NLCA"), prior to the application being fully processed by the NWB the project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission ("NPC"), to determine whether the project proposal is in conformity with an approved land use plan. By copy of this letter, the NWB requests the NPC provide its determination and recommendations to the NWB pursuant to Sections 13.4.2 through 13.4.5 of the NLCA, or written confirmation that the project proposal falls outside the boundaries of an approved land use plan. Also, by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB"), the NWB requests that if the project proposal requires screening, the NIRB provide the NWB with a determination pursuant to Section 13.5.1 of the NLCA. If the project is exempt from screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA, the NWB requests written confirmation from the NIRB that the project proposal is in fact exempt from screening.

To ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB forwards notice of all documentation to regulators and council of the municipality(ies) most affected by the project, inviting interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date

<u>of this letter</u>. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Subject to Sections 12.10.2 and 13.5.5 of the NLCA, where a review is required pursuant to Article 12, the NWB shall not approve any water application that forms part of that review until Article 12 has been complied with.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: NPC Conformity

NIRB

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