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Via e-mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Meliadine Pre-Development Project – New – Type “B”

Attention: Phyllis Beaulieu

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the Type “B” Licence Application submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (the Proponent) to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the Meliadine Pre-Development Project, in response to the NWB’s correspondence dated July 15, 2015. EC’s specific comments can be found below. Additionally, the Proponent is still required to comply with its obligations under relevant legislation; including the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*; the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*; the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*; and the *Species at Risk Act*.

General

1. The application indicates that during construction, all contact water will be diverted to flow to channel 2 and eventually collect in CP1. However, it is unclear how contact water will be managed prior to construction of diversion channel 2, as only construction is proposed in this application.

Satellite Infrastructure

2. EC notes that the proposed mine site is located on a peninsula extending into Meliadine Lake, 25 km north of Rankin Inlet and 80 km southwest of Chesterfield Inlet. The distance of mine location is therefore 25 Km from the proposed Laydown Area and Bypass Road Laydown in Rankin Inlet. EC would like to remind the Proponent that, given that the proposed Laydown Area is 25 Km from the mine site, the Laydown Area would not be subject to the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations

(MMER), rather it will be subject to the provisions of Subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*.

For further clarification on any aspect of this submission, please contact Michael I. Mohammed at (867)-669-4737 or michael.mohammed@ec.gc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael I. Mohammed', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Loretta Ransom; Acting Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT & NU),
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