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CIDM# 949037

NWB reference
#8BC-MEL----

Re: AANDC's Review of Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.'s Responses to earlier recommendations made by AANDC for a New Type B Water Licence for Pre-Development Work for its Proposed Meliadine Gold Mine. Licence No. 8BC- MEL

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Thank you for your email on September 16, 2015, concerning the above mentioned water licence application process.

A memorandum is provided for the Nunavut Water Board's (Board or NWB) consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4282 or email at ian.parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

From: Sarah Forte, Regional Coordinator, Water Resources Division, AANDC
Ian Parsons, Regional Coordinator, Water Resources Division, AANDC

CC: Andrew Keim (AANDC), Erik Allain (AANDC), Christine Wilson Water Resource Officer (AANDC)

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Applicant:	Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.
Project:	Meliadine Gold Project
Region:	Kivalliq

A. BACKGROUND

On July 17, 2015 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) provided notification to interested parties that Agnico Eagle Mines Limited Partnership (Agnico Eagle or the applicant) had completed submission of an application for a Type "B" water licence # 8BC-MEL---- for development work related to the mining of the Meliadine Gold Project.

The licence is for water use associated with construction labeled as pre-development and is intended to allow construction to begin whilst the entire project undergoes a Type "A" water licence review. It does not request the permission for use of water or deposit of waste to water. The specific activities for which the Type "B" licence is being requested are:

- construction of fuel storage tanks farm in Rankin Inlet;
- preparation of the laydown area in Rankin Inlet;
- construction of a pad for the permanent camp;
- installation of pilings for the permanent camp and infrastructure;
- start of work on concrete foundations;
- construction of necessary service roads to undertake the other pre-development activities;



- new portal and conveyor ramp, including ventilation infrastructure to the underground mine;
- construction of the access roads; and
- pre-delivery of material (i.e., equipment, material, and fuel).

These activities were identified as pre-development in Volume 2, section 2.2.1 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Additional activities identified in the FEIS but which are not part of this application are:

- installation of the spud barge; and
- stripping of open pit(s) (overburden and waste rock) and ore/waste rock stockpiling.

The project application does not include direct water use, as Agnico Eagle proposes to use water permitted under its water licences 2BB-MEL1424 and 2BW-MEL1525 for camp and industrial purposes. The water use requested is for crossing a watercourse and modifying the bed or bank of a watercourse. The applicant also proposes to dispose of the waste produced under its present licence 2BB-MEL1424 and expects to produce minimal quantities of the following wastes: domestic waste, solid domestic waste, hazardous material, bulky metal, waste oil, contaminated soil and or water. The licence application requests a term that lasts until the approval of the Type “A” licence.

Interested parties were asked to review the information and provide comments by August 17, 2015

On September 16, 2015 the NWB asked AANDC to review AEM's responses and provide comments if necessary.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

AANDC's comments are contained in the excel spreadsheet created by the NWB in Column G.

The excel spreadsheet is attached to this cover letter.