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Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
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**RE: Meadowbank Water License – 2AM-MEA0815 Fresh Water Consumption
Amendment Application**

Dear Mr. Beaulieu,

Currently, the NWB Type A water license permits the annual use of 700,000 cubic meters for mine operations. This was primarily based on conceptual mine plans that were developed prior to mill operations and based on best management practices and engineering models at the time. Although it has been Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM) intention to operate in compliance, in 2010 and 2011 AEM exceeded the license limits. During the past two years, AEM worked diligently to reduce water consumption by re-evaluating all of the operational parameters at the mill, optimizing freshwater use and reclaim water at the mill. Furthermore, AEM has recently completed our 2012 Water Management Plan (which is a supporting document in this application) and we have projected a freshwater requirement of 1,870,000 m³ in 2013, and a long-term operational freshwater requirement of 1,150,000 m³ per year from 2014 to 2018. AEM continues to conduct engineering assessments to reuse the water collected in our Attenuation Pond and optimize water use from the reclaim pond and any site drainage water that could be used at the mill.

AEM is requesting to the Nunavut Water Board for an amendment to the Meadowbank Gold Project Water License, 2AM-MEA0815 an increase in freshwater of 1,870,000 m³ in 2013, and 1,150,000 m³ per year from 2014 to 2018.

In accordance with Guide 7- *Licensee Requirements following the issuance of a Water Licence*, AEM has included in this amendment submission:

- Application for *Water License Amendment Forms*;
- Supporting documents for the amendment that meet the *Supplemental Information Guidelines* and include *Design and Reports*
- *Compliance Assessment/ Status Report*;
- Executive Summaries that are translated into Inuktitut; and
- \$30 application fees.



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Should you require any further information or questions please contact the below via email or by telephone.

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