

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

## Re: Water License 2AM-MEA0815 Part D, Item 26 - Submission of East Dike Seepage As-Built Report

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

In accordance with Water License 2AM-MEA0815, Part D, Item 26: 'The Licensee shall submit a Construction Summary Report to the Board, within ninety (90) days following the completion of each structure designed to contain, withhold, divert or retain Waters or Wastes. The Construction Summary Report shall be prepared by a qualified Engineer(s) in accordance with Schedule D, Item 1', please find below the construction design and the as-built details for the summer and winter East Dike seepage discharge diffuser in Second Portage Lake enclosed with this letter.

The summer diffuser has been used during the period of May to September and is the same configuration and design proposed by AEM on Figure EDS-01 in the document *East Dike Seepage - NWB Application for a Type A Water License Modification* (AEM, 2013).

Due to operational constraints and harsh winter conditions that caused freezing of the summer diffuser line, an alternate configuration was designed to allow discharge of water consistent with the summer diffusion criteria. The winter and summer as-built configuration have a maximum discharge velocity of 6 m/s to promote mixing of seepage water and is designed to avoid potential lake-bottom erosion. In order to avoid freezing during the approximate period of October to April, heat trace cable was installed along the pipe, as the pipe can freeze very rapidly if the pumping system is shut down.

As presented in Table 1 below, the summer and winter diffusers present a design that meets the criteria recommended in the *Technical Memorandum – Discharge of dike seepage water into the Third Portage Lake and Second Portage Lake* (Golder, 2011) submitted with modification application document on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013; therefore impacts to the receiving aquatic environment are not expected. With the design flow (1000 m³/day) and the measured flow (700 m³/day) calculated with flowmeters, the flow velocities of the summer and winter diffuser discharge are respectively of 6 m/s and 4.1 m/s. For both configurations, the flow velocities are within the recommended design flow velocity ranging from 3 m/s to 6 m/s. The discharges of the summer and winter diffuser are both oriented East, away from the dike and the island to minimize risk of erosion. The distance of the discharge from the shoreline is 45 m for both configurations mainly to reach an area with a sufficient water depth of 5m. The summer diffuser is anchored with boulders placed around the pipe on the shore to avoid movement due to wind, currents and



waves. The winter diffuser is anchored on the ice, with the pipe directed to discharge below the ice. Finally, most of the water volumes are expected to be discharged during the summer and fall under open water conditions, as the volume generally decreases during the winter period.

Table 1 - Summary of Design and As-Built Criteria

Criteria	Recommended (Golder, 2011)	Summer Diffuser	Winter Diffuser
Design flow	1000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (12 L/s)	12 L/s	12 L/s
Design flow velocity	3 to 9 m/s	6 m/s	6 m/s
Average measured Flow - 700 m <sup>3</sup> /day (8 L/s)	-	8.3 L/s	8.3 L/s
Measured flow velocity	-	4.1 m/s	4.1 m/s
SPL discharge orientation	South East	East	East
Distance from the shoreline (adjusted to field condition)	10 m	45 m	45 m
Minimal water depth	5 m	5 m	5 m
Anchoring outfall to prevent movement	Yes	Yes (with boulder)	Yes (in the ice)

Both summer and winter configuration for the diffuser meet the recommended design criteria to promote mixing of clean east dike seepage water into ambient lake water, is protective of the aquatic life around the edge of the 30 m mixing zone around the discharge outfalls and minimizes the potential risk of erosion.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Ryan VanEngen.

Regards,

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