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File: 2AM-MEA0815/B12 B14

November 20, 2009

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Subject: Licence 2AM-MEA0815 - Receipt of notification under Part B, Items 12 and 14, with respect to the intent to begin operations and use of water for ore processing at the Meadowbank Gold Project.

Dear Mr. Robert,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is in receipt of your letter dated November 6, 2009, which provides notice, in accordance with Part B Items 12 and 14 of water Licence 2AM-MEA0815, of the intent to begin mine operations, commissioning of the mill and the use of water for ore processing on or about January 5-15, 2010. The letter is available on the NWB's ftp site at the following link:

[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20AND%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815/3%20TECH/1%20GENERAL%20\(B\)/B12/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20AND%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815/3%20TECH/1%20GENERAL%20(B)/B12/)

Following receipt of the notification, the NWB undertook a review of the Licence and information on file to ensure that conditions applicable to the commencement of operations have been met. As a result, the NWB has identified two (2) Licence requirements that are required to be met prior to operations, including:

Part H, Item 1: The Licensee shall submit to the Board for review, at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of Operations, a revised and consolidated Emergency Response Plan. The revised Plan shall cover the activities included in the scope of the Licence taking into account as-built designs and emergency preparedness to include the consequences of failure of any dikes.

And

Part I, Item 23: The Licensee shall file a letter with the Board confirming application for accreditation for the on-site environmental laboratory prior to commencing Operations.

The NWB is not in receipt of the above submissions, which should be provided as soon as possible. In addition, the NWB has identified other Licence conditions for which an update is requested. The attached table outlines the relevant conditions noted during the NWB's review. Please submit a response, updating

the status of the Items outlined in the table to Richard Dwyer, the NWB's Licensing Administrator (licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org), by **November 30, 2009**.

In closing, the NWB would like to take this opportunity to remind the Licensee that the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan is due within six (6) months of the start of operations or, based on the received notification, **July 15, 2010**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.
Director Technical Services

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Table attached below

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November 2009 Licence Condition Status Update Request

Part, Item	Condition	Status	AEM Action
D,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.	Meadowbank mine site bulk fuel storage tank construction report on file dated May 8, 2009.	Please update status for each structure as required by the condition.
H,1	The Licensee shall submit to the Board for review, <u>at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of Operations</u> , a revised and consolidated Emergency Response Plan. The revised Plan shall cover the activities included in the scope of the Licence taking into account as-built designs and emergency preparedness to include the consequences of failure of any dikes.	Not on file. The 2008 Annual Report indicates that the ERP was revised to include the east dike design modifications. The revised and consolidated Spill Contingency Plan refers to an ERP.	Please provide for review.
I,3	The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval, within thirty (30) days of Licence approval, a Ground Water Monitoring Plan.	Approved June 30, 2009. Addendum required 60 days following installation of groundwater monitoring wells.	Please provide the addendum requested.
I,17	The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval, within six (6) months following construction of each the Mine Site Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and Marshalling Area Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, a plan for the environmental and performance monitoring of each Facility. The Plans are to include: (see Licence)	Not on file.	Please update status.
I,23	The Licensee shall file a letter with the Board confirming application for accreditation for the on-site environmental laboratory <u>prior to commencing Operations</u> .	Not on file.	Please provide for review.

I,26	The Licensee shall confirm bathymetric survey at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility.	Not on file. INAC provided the following comment on the 2008 Annual Report: The submitted report indicates that AEM did not complete any bathymetric survey(s) at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility prior to shipping activities in 2008, a requirement of Schedule B, Item #4.	Please update status.
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