

September 18, 2009

*Via Email*

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Dear Mr. Dwyer,

**Re: Water License 2AM-MEA0815 AEM Response to INAC Comments on MDRB Report No.3**

On August 27, 2009 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) submitted a technical review memorandum to the Nunavut Water Board with comments on the Meadowbank Dike Review Board (MDRB) Report No.3. Please consider the following information and enclosed documents as response to INAC's request for additional documentation.

**1. Bay-Goose Dike Drawings and Specifications**

***Section 2 of the Golder Associates response memorandum states that, "The comments on the specifications provided by Mr. Rattue are appreciated and are currently under review." INAC is requesting AEM to submit documentation that discusses how Mr. Rattue's observations for consideration have been addressed.***

After reviewing Mr. Rattue's comments, we confirm those were mainly editorial or pointing out areas that could have further clarification to eliminate possible issues during construction (i.e. clarifying roles, responsibilities, supply of materials) and details regarding cement soil bentonite construction and instrumentation. Clarification on instrumentation was provided as an addendum during the bid period.

**2. TSF Stormwater Dike and Saddle Dam No. 1**

***Section 3 of the Golder Associates response states that, "A technical memorandum discussing the geomembranes of the structures has been prepared and will be discussed with the Board during the next meeting. The document also discusses the foundation preparation activities for the structures." INAC is requesting AEM to submit this memorandum along with any reports that were produced following the July 20/09 MDRB site visit.***

The document entitled 'Doc No. 917 Ver 0. Technical Memorandum: Stormwater Dike and Saddle Dam 1 Geomembranes, Tailings Storage Facility, Meadowbank Project, July 20, 2009' is attached. This document is the memorandum referenced in Section 3 of MDRB Report No.3.

**3. Consideration of Previous INAC Technical Review Memorandum Submissions**

***INAC is requesting that AEM include in the documentation noted previously details that explain how the comments and recommendations provided in INAC's Mar. 27/09 Technical Review Memorandum (submitted of the Nunavut Water Board) regarding Golder Associates Bay-Goose Dike and South Camp Dike Design Report, dated Feb. 2/09 and Tailings Storage Facility Dike Design Report, dated Dec. 17/08 have been addressed.***

The document entitled 'Doc. No. 911 Ver.0 Response to INAC Subject: Meadowbank Bay-Goose Dike Review Comments, August 11, 2009' is attached. This document addresses the comments and recommendations made in INAC's Mar.27/09 Technical Review Memorandum.

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me directly at [stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com](mailto:stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com).

Regards,  
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