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Dear Mr. Dwyer,

## Re: Water License 2AM-MEA0815 March Monitoring Program Summary Report

As required by Water License 2AM-MEA0815 Part I Item 25, please find the March 2010 Monitoring Program Summary Report enclosed.

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# MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT

# **Monitoring Program Summary Report**

March 2010

Type A Water License 2AM-MEA0815

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### SECTION 1 • BACKGROUND

As required under Part I, Item 25 of Type A Water License 2AM-MEA0815, this report documents the water management and monitoring activity at the mine site for the month of March 2010. This activity includes: water usage and sewage treatment plant, dewatering and dike construction monitoring.

The dewatering of the northwest arm of Second Portage Lake continued throughout the month. No other water has been pumped, discharged or transferred; all site contact run-off water is contained and directed to the Stormwater Management Pond #1 (Tear Drop Lake).

Additionally, for the NWB to review, Section 3 summarizes the AEM internal spill reporting for the month.

#### **SECTION 2 • WATER MANAGEMENT**

#### 2.1 WATER USAGE

During March, the daily average number of people on site was 469. The consumption of freshwater for the camp and the batch plant was  $2,560 \text{ m}^3$  for the month. Water usage for the mill was  $228,786 \text{ m}^3$  of fresh water and  $227,000 \text{ m}^3$  of reclaim water. A water balance review will be done at the mill and an action plan put in place to reduce consumption of fresh water.

Table 2.1: March 2010 Freshwater Usage

	Water Usage (m <sup>3</sup> )
Camp	2,503
Batch Plant	57
Mill	228,786
Water for dust control	0
Total for the site	231,346

#### 2.2 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT MONITORING

Five water samples were taken at the effluent of the sewage treatment plants (STP). The results showed the two systems are working well.

Table 2.2: March 2010 STP Effluent Results

Station: STP-OUT											
Parameter	2010-03-01	2010-03-08	2010-03-15	2010-03-22	2010-03-29						
NH3-NH4 (mg/L)	16.7	15.7	16.8	16.6	32.8						
BOD-5 (mg/L)	9	5	19	10	36						
COD (mg/L)	54	53	77	112	88						
TSS (mg/L)	29	21	48	20	20						
NO2-NO3 (mg N/L)	42.0	40.8	3.6	44.2	54.1						
pН	4.20	4.12	5.86	4.41	6.60						
P tot (mg P/L)	16.3	16.5	19.5	15.9	15.3						
Fecal Coliform (CFU/100mL)	30	12	200	40	800						
Total Coliform (CFU/100mL)	2,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	10,000						
Atypical Colony (CFU/100mL)	43,000	115,000	77,000	23,000	350,000						

#### 2.3 DEWATERING OF SECOND PORTAGE ARM

Water quality monitoring for the Second Portage Arm dewatering project continued throughout March.

The pH and Aluminum concentrations at the outlet of the TSS treatment plants were as follows:

- pH 24 hour maximum: 7.48 units (Limit is 6-9 units)
- Al 24 hour maximum concentration: 0.521 mg/L (Limit is 1.5 mg/L)

The results demonstrate that the limits of the license were respected. Table 2.3 summarizes the March dewatering monitoring results for pH and Aluminum.

 able 2.3: March 2010 Dewatering Monitoring – ph and Al

	DD-WTP	9-01(Out)	DD-WTP	'-02(Out)	Both WTP Outlets			
Date	рН	pH Total Al		Total Al		pH 24-hour Mean	Al 24-hour Mean	
	units	mg/L	units	mg/L		units	mg/L	
2010-03-01	6.95	0.416	7.03	0.580		6.99	0.498	
2010-03-08	7.03	0.306	7.09	0.836		7.06	0.571	
2010-03-15	7.51	0.318	7.44	0.724		7.48	0.521	
2010-03-22	7.15	0.388	7.05	0.535		7.10	0.462	
2010-0329	7.21	0.445	7.17	0.589		7.19	0.517	

The turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentrations at the outlet of the TSS treatment plants were as follows:

- NTU 24 hour mean maximum concentration: 18.7 NTU (Maximum Limit is 30 NTU)
- TSS 24 hour mean maximum concentration: 17 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 22.5 mg/L)
- NTU 30 days mean concentration: 6.4 NTU (Maximum Limit is 15 NTU)
- TSS 30 days mean concentration: 8.6 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 15 mg/L)

The results demonstrate that the limits of the license were respected. Table 2.4 summarizes the March dewatering monitoring results for turbidity and TSS.

Table 2.4: March 2010 Dewatering Monitoring – TSS and turbidity

	DD-WTP-	01(Out)	DD-WTF	P-02(Out)	Both WTP Outlets						
Date	24-hour Mean NTU	Lab TSS mg/L	hour Lab Mean TSS		NTU 24-hour Mean NTU	TSS 24-hour Mean mg/L	NTU 30-day Mean NTU	TSS 30-day Mean mg/L			
2010-03-01	7.52	7	14.81	16	11.17	12	5.38	6.87			
2010-03-02	3.70	3	4.66	22	4.18	12	5.34	7.11			
2010-03-03	2.71	3	3.13	8	2.92	5.5	5.32	7.15			
2010-03-04	4.16	3	4.97	5	4.57	4	5.38	6.66			
2010-03-05	3.95	4	6.51	9	5.23	6	5.49	6.83			
2010-03-06	8.19	8	6.46	*	7.33	8	5.64	6.85			
2010-03-07	Not in op	eration	7.22	5	7.22	5	5.63	6.89			
2010-03-08	3.36	8	7.68	20	5.52	14	5.74	7.02			
2010-03-09	3.28	2	8.12	15	5.7	9	5.86	7.23			
2010-03-10	3.35	5	4.04	7	3.7	6	5.89	7.40			
2010-03-11	8.62	8	4.32	22	6.47	15	5.82	7.64			
2010-03-12	7.87	7	5.45	11	6.66	9	5.88	7.47			
2010-03-13	4.18	7	5.06	12	4.62	10	5.87	7.57			
2010-03-14	8.48	13	Not in c	peration	4.24	13	5.85	7.91			
2010-03-15	4.53	7	3.82	18	4.18	13	5.77	8.28			
2010-03-16	5.78	2	7.09	6	6.44	4	5.80	8.10			
2010-03-17	9.71	4	7.17	9	8.44	7	5.90	8.06			
2010-03-18	7.28	8	7.45	8	7.37	8	5.95	8.00			
2010-03-19	6.24	6	12.90	27	9.57	17	5.94	8.33			
2010-03-20	8.20	6	9.91	6	9.06	6	6.01	8.35			
2010-03-21		Not in op	eration		NA	NA	6.05	8.49			
2010-03-22	6.05	6	5.73	9	5.89	8	6.07	8.53			
2010-03-23	10.23	7	9.17	8	9.7	8	6.10	8.55			
2010-03-24	30.50	*	6.83	*	18.67	NA	6.55	8.76			
2010-03-25	4.69	3	5.55	2	5.12	3	6.59	8.49			
2010-03-26	6.23	9	7.21	18	6.72	14	6.61	8.70			
2010-03-27	6.64	8	4.08	8	5.36	8	6.65	8.67			
2010-03-28	5.60	16	4.17	6	4.89	11	6.69	8.92			
2010-03-29	3.41	4	4.51	4	3.96	4	6.59	8.73			
2010-03-30		Blizzard Co	onditions		NA	NA	6.59	8.73			
2010-03-31	4.96	*	7.89	*	6.43	NA	6.42	8.61			

<sup>\*</sup> Data not available

#### 2.4 DIKE CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

The monitoring of the causeway for the Bay Goose dike continued throughout March. From March 14 onward the work alternated between the East and the West side of the dike, dependent on TSS results.

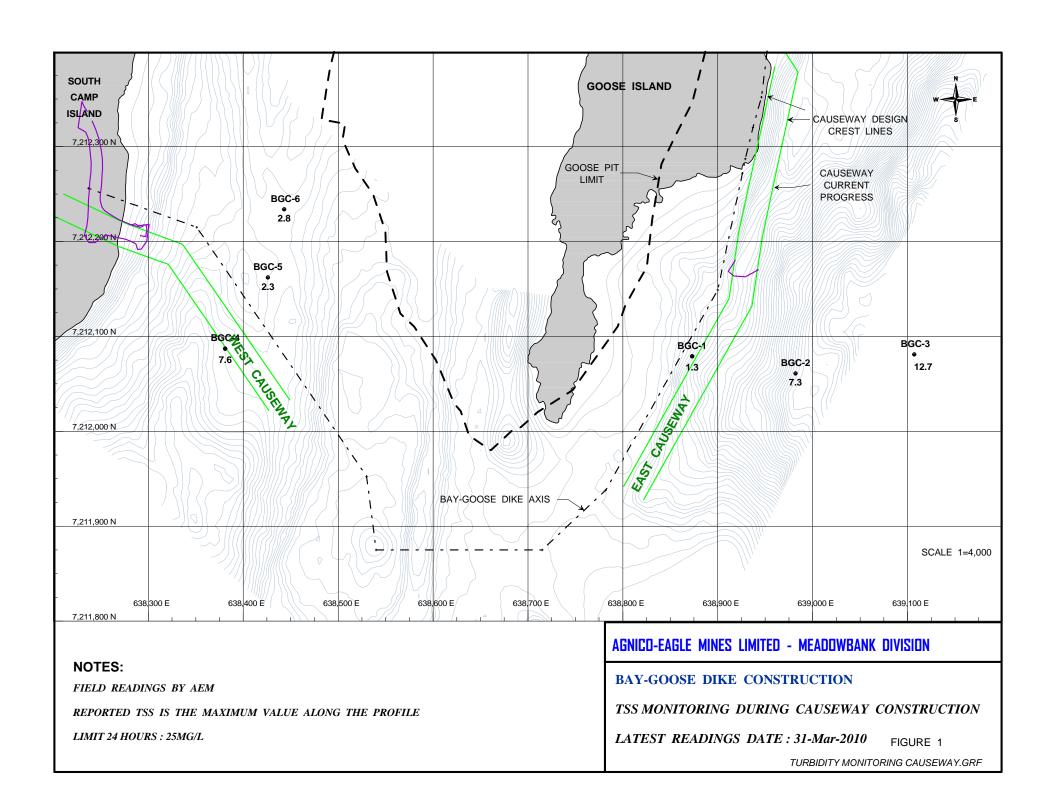
The TSS concentrations for the Bay Goose dike construction were as follows:

- Maximum short-term (24 hour) TSS concentration from the 3 causeway monitoring stations (BGC1, BGC2, BGC3) on the Bay Goose dike East side was 18.4 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 25 mg/L)
- Maximum short-term (24 hour) TSS concentration from the 3 causeway monitoring stations (BGC4, BGC5, BGC6) on the Bay Goose dike West side was 17.9 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 25 mg/L)

The results demonstrate that the TSS limit was respected. The March 2010 dike construction monitoring results are provided in Table 2.5 and the station locations are shown on Figure 1.

Table 2.5: March 2010 Dike Construction Monitoring Results

	BG	C-1	Coord	linates	BG	iC-2	Coord	dinates	BG	GC-3	Coord	dinates	BG	C-4	Coord	dinates	BG	C-5	Coord	linates	BG	C-6	Coor	dinates
Date		Max TSS	Easting	Northing		Max TSS	Easting	Northing	Max NTU		Easting	Northing		Max TSS	Easting	Northing		Max TSS	Easting	Northing		Max TSS	Easting	Northing
	of day NTU	of day		3	of day NTU	of day	3	3	of day NTU	of day	3	J	of day NTU	of day		1	of day NTU	of day		3	of day NTU	of day	3	1 3
	NIO	mg/L			INTO	mg/L			NIO	mg/L			INTO	mg/L			NIO	mg/L			NIO	mg/L		
2010-03-01	2.4	0.6	638,894	7,212,160	13.2	3.3	638,983	7,212,172	14.1	3.6	639,041	7,212,230												
2010-03-02	2.6	0.6		7,212,134	21.5	5.5	638,961	7,212,133	9.1	2.3	•	7,212,196												
2010-03-03	8.5	2.1	,	7,212,095	6.5	1.6	639,052	7,212,104	14.4	3.6	•													
2010-03-04	9.5	2.4	,-	7,212,106	8.9	2.2	638,997	7,212,057	11.3	2.8														
2010-03-05	3.0	0.7	•	7,212,106	9.7	2.4	638,997	7,212,057	7.3	1.8		7,212,079												
2010-03-06	21.1	5.4	638,904	7,212,106	9.4	2.3	638,997	7,212,057	6.7	1.6		7,212,079												
2010-03-07	7.8	1.9	638,872	7,212,066	5.0	1.2	638,974	7,212,050	8.3	2.0	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-08	9.6	2.4	638,872	7,212,066	4.3	1.0	638,974	7,212,050	9.3	2.3	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-09	7.9	1.9	638,872	7,212,066	9.5	2.4	638,974	7,212,050	21.2	5.5	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-10	3.6	0.9	638,857	7,212,045	7.5	1.8	638,946	7,211,993	44.0	11.7	639,127	7,212,025												
2010-03-11	4.7	1.1	638,872	7,212,066	4.4	1.1	638,974	7,212,050	23.0	5.9	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-12	6.4	1.6	638,872	7,212,066	6.0	1.5	638,974	7,212,050	35.0	9.2	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-13	11.6	2.9	638,872	7,212,066	5.5	1.3	638,974	7,212,050	61.3	16.6	639,107	7,212,079												
2010-03-14	6.3	1.5	638,872	7,212,066	23.2	6.0	638,974	7,212,050	67.9	18.4	639,107	7,212,079	2.8	0.7	638,309	7,212,133	20.2	5.2	638,344	7,212,191	2.5	0.6	638,373	7,212,239
2010-03-15	6.2	1.5		7,212,066	20.0	5.1			50.1	13.4		7,212,079	11.6	2.9	638,309	7,212,133	2.3	0.5		7,212,184	2.9	0.7	638,373	
2010-03-16	6.9	1.7			22.6	5.8	638,974	7,212,050	65.5	17.7	639,107	7,212,079	11.1	2.8	638,353	7,212,136	8.3	2.0		7,212,190	3.6	0.9	638,356	
2010-03-17	4.3	1.0		7,212,079	12.8	3.2	638,982	7,212,061	38.6	10.2		7,212,081	30.2	7.9	638,354	7,212,128	17.5	4.5		7,212,184	3.3	8.0	638,360	
2010-03-18	4.3	1.0		7,212,079	12.8	3.2	638,982		38.6	10.2		7,212,081	13.4	3.4			14.3	3.6		7,212,163	15.6	4.0	638,383	
2010-03-19	4.8	1.2		7,212,079	16.7	4.2	638,982		37.3	9.8		7,212,081	11.6	2.9			12.0	3.0		7,212,163	8.5	2.1	638,390	
2010-03-20	11.5	2.9		7,212,079	14.2	3.6		7,212,061	44.3	11.8			9.7	2.4		7,212,128	9.0	2.2		7,212,184	6.0	1.5	638,360	
2010-03-21	5.6	1.4		7,212,079	12.0	3.0		7,212,061	48.8	13.0			8.3	2.0		7,212,128	3.2	0.8		7,212,184	4.5	1.1	638,360	
2010-03-22 2010-03-23	2.7	0.6		7,212,079	13.4 13.4	3.4		7,212,061	43.7 55.7	11.6		7,212,081	66.1	17.9		7,212,128	44.3	11.8		7,212,184	13.1	3.3	638,360	
2010-03-23	6.6 10.9	1.6 2.7		7,212,079 7,212,079	19.2	3.4 4.9	638,982		40.2	15.0 10.6		7,212,081 7,212,081	9.0 14.2	3.6	638,381 638,381	7,212,087 7,212,087	9.7 37.7	10.0		7,212,162 7,212,162	8.3 10.2	2.0		7,212,234 7,212,234
2010-03-24	10.9	2.6		7,212,079	12.4	3.1	638,982		39.8	10.5			52.9	14.2	638,381	7,212,087	55.1	14.8		7,212,162	5.2	1.3	638,443	
2010-03-26	19.6	5.0		7,212,079	23.5	6.1	638,982	7,212,061	30.9	8.1	•		17.3	4.4	638,381	7,212,087	21.8	5.6	•	7,212,162	26.5	6.9	638,443	
2010-03-27	33.4	8.8		7,212,079	20.5	5.3	638,982	7,212,061	24.5	6.3	639,107	7,212,081	15.1	3.8	638,381	7,212,087	15.7	4.0		7,212,162	9.1	2.3	638,443	
2010-03-28	36.4	9.6		7,212,079	23.6	6.1	638,982	7,212,061	33.4	8.8	639,107	7,212,081	11.2	2.8	638,381	7,212,087	14.3	3.6		7,212,162	8.3	2.0	638,443	
2010-03-29	24.5	6.3		7,212,079	31.2	8.2	638,982	7,212,061	53.6	14.4	639,107	7,212,081	13.2	3.3	638,381	7,212,087	8.2	2.0		7,212,162	9.7	2.4	638,443	
2010-03-30	Blizz			7,212,079		zard	638,982	7,212,061		zard	639,107	7,212,081		zard	638,381	7,212,087	Bliz			7,212,162	Bliz		638,443	
2010-03-31	5.3	1.3		7,212,079	28.2	7.3	638,982		47.7	12.7	•		29.1	7.6	638,381	7,212,087	9.2	2.3	•	7,212,162	11.3	2.8	638,443	
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# SECTION 3 • SPILL MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

AEM has developed a system of tracking spills on-site. Table 3.1 summarizes the AEM internal spill reports for March. No spills were reported to the GN spill hotline.

Table 3.1: Summary of March 2010 AEM Internal Spill Reports

Date of Spill	Hazardous Material (Fuel, Oil, etc.)		Location	Cause of Spill	Clean-up Action Taken	Reported to Spill Hotline
2010-03-05	Diesel fuel	3 L	North portage pit	Over filled tank	Removed contaminated soil and brought to hazmat area	Z
2010-03-11	Oil	8 L	Outside the Dome	Broken hydraulic hose	Removed contaminated soil and brought to hazmat area	z
2010-03-17	Hydraulic oil	2 L	Bay Goose Dike	Broken hydraulic hose	Put down absorbent sheets; removed contaminated snow and brought to snow cells	N
2010-03-18	Transmission oil	0.5 L	Operation parking lot	Unplugged hose to the radiator	Put down absorbent sheets; removed contaminated snow and brought to snow cells	N
2010-03-22	Jet-A-Fuel	less than 50 L	Airport	Automatic vent failed to open and when it did, the pressure built up causing the overflow	Put down absorbent sheets; removed contaminated snow and brought to snow cells	N
2010-03-19	D3-19 Leaching mud Provided No estimate provided Leaching cell		Over flowed	Spill was contained in secondary containment berm; removed contaminated material and brought to hazmat area	N	