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

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

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# MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT

# **Monitoring Program Summary Report**

November 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 November 2010. This activity includes: water usage, sewage treatment plant discharge water quality and dewatering monitoring.

Additionally, a summary of the AEM internal spill reporting for the month is included.

#### **SECTION 2 • WATER MANAGEMENT**

#### 2.1 WATER USAGE

Freshwater usage for the month totals  $75,028~\text{m}^3$  and is summarized in Table 2.1 below. The consumption of fresh water for the mill was  $71,344~\text{m}^3$  and the consumption of reclaim water was  $156,498~\text{m}^3$ .

Table 2-1: November 2010 Freshwater Usage

|                     | Water usage (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Camp                | 3146                          |
| Batch Plant         | 402                           |
| Mill & Dust control | 71344                         |
| Emulsion Plant      | 136                           |
| Total for the site  | 75,028                        |

#### 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: November 2010 STP Effluent Results

| Parameter                   | 01-1 | Nov-10 | 08- | Nov-10 | 15-N | ov-10 | 22-1 | Nov-10 | 29- | Nov-10 |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----|--------|------|-------|------|--------|-----|--------|
| NH3-NH4 (mg/L)              |      | 28.9   |     | 28.9   |      | 22.5  |      | 22.6   |     | 30.3   |
| BOD-5 (mg/L)                |      | 2      |     | 3      |      | 2     |      | 2      |     | 5      |
| COD (mg/L)                  |      | 47     |     | 40     |      | 48    |      | 46     |     | 43     |
| TSS (mg/L)                  |      | 9      |     | 7      |      | 8     |      | 6      |     | 8      |
| NO2-NO3 (mg N/L)            |      | 46.7   |     | 46.2   |      | 42.0  |      | 42.7   |     | 47.9   |
| pH (mg/L)                   |      | 3.75   |     | 3.63   | ;    | 3.82  |      | 3.88   |     | 3.65   |
| P tot (mg P/L)              |      | 16.1   |     | 15.8   |      | 16.0  |      | 15.0   |     | 14.3   |
| Fecal Coliform (UFC/100mL)  | <    | 2      | <   | 2      |      | 0     |      | 4      | <   | 2      |
| Total Coliform (UFC/100mL)  | <    | 10     |     | 20     |      | 30    | <    | 10     | <   | 10     |
| Atypical Colony (UFC/100mL) | <    | 10     | <   | 10     |      | 10    | <    | 10     | <   | 10     |

#### 2.3 DEWATERING OF SECOND PORTAGE ARM

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

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

- pH 24 hour minimum/maximum: 6.30/6.67 units (Limit is 6-9 units)
- Al 24 hour maximum concentration: 0.93 mg/L (Limit is 1.5 mg/L)

Table 2.3 summarizes the November dewatering monitoring results for pH and Aluminum.

Table 2-3: November 2010 Dewatering Monitoring – pH and Al

|            | DD-V  | VTP-01   | DD-V        | VTP-02 | Both WTP Outlets       |                        |  |
|------------|-------|----------|-------------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Date       | рН    | Total Al | pH Total Al |        | pH 24-<br>hour<br>Mean | Al 24-<br>hour<br>Mean |  |
|            | units | mg/L     | units       | mg/L   | units                  | mg/L                   |  |
| 11/1/2010  | 6.30  | 0.93     |             |        | 6.30                   | 0.93                   |  |
| 11/8/2010  | 6.45  | 0.65     |             |        | 6.45                   | 0.65                   |  |
| 11/15/2010 | 6.59  | 0.62     |             |        | 6.59                   | 0.62                   |  |
| 11/24/2010 | 6.55  | 0.68     |             |        | 6.55                   | 0.68                   |  |
| 11/29/2010 | 6.67  |          |             |        | 6.67                   |                        |  |

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: 10.3 NTU (Maximum Limit is 30 NTU)
- TSS 24 hour mean maximum concentration: 4 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 22.5 mg/L)
- NTU 30 days mean concentration: 4.3 NTU (Maximum Limit is 15 NTU)
- TSS 30 days mean concentration: 3 mg/L (Maximum Limit is 15 mg/L)

Table 2.4 summarizes the November dewatering monitoring results for turbidity and TSS.

Table 2-4: November 2010 Dewatering Monitoring – TSS and Turbidity

|            | DD-WTI          | P-01(Out) | DD-WTP-02(Out)   |          |                         | Both WTP Outlets        |                        |                        |  |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Date       | 24-hour<br>Mean | Lab TSS   | 24-hour<br>Mean  | Lab TSS  | NTU 24-<br>hour<br>Mean | TSS 24-<br>hour<br>Mean | NTU 30-<br>day<br>Mean | TSS 30-<br>day<br>Mean |  |
|            | NTU             | mg/L      | NTU              | mg/L     | NTU                     | mg/L                    | NTU                    | mg/L                   |  |
| 2010-11-01 | 4.3             | 3         | Not in c         | peration | 4.3                     | 3                       | 5.2                    | 7                      |  |
| 2010-11-02 | 10.3            | ****      | Not in c         | peration | 10.3                    |                         | 5.3                    |                        |  |
| 2010-11-03 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in operation |          |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-04 | 2.4             | ****      | Not in c         | peration | 2.4                     |                         | 5.2                    |                        |  |
| 2010-11-05 | 5.0             | 2         | Not in c         | peration | 5.0                     | 2                       | 5.2                    | 7                      |  |
| 2010-11-06 | 4.0             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 4.0                     | 1                       | 5.2                    | 6                      |  |
| 2010-11-07 | 3.6             | 4         | Not in c         | peration | 3.6                     | 4                       | 5.1                    | 6                      |  |
| 2010-11-08 | 3.3             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.3                     | 1                       | 5.1                    | 6                      |  |
| 2010-11-09 | 3.3             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.3                     | 1                       | 5.0                    | 5                      |  |
| 2010-11-10 | 3.2             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.2                     | 1                       | 5.0                    | 5                      |  |
| 2010-11-11 | 3.7             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.7                     | 1                       | 4.9                    | 5                      |  |
| 2010-11-12 | 3.8             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.8                     | 1                       | 4.9                    | 5                      |  |
| 2010-11-13 | 4.2             | 2         | Not in c         | peration | 4.2                     | 2                       | 4.9                    | 4                      |  |
| 2010-11-14 | 3.7             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 3.7                     | 1                       | 4.9                    | 4                      |  |
| 2010-11-15 | 2.7             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 2.7                     | 1                       | 4.8                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-16 | 2.7             | 3         | Not in c         | peration | 2.7                     | 3                       | 4.7                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-17 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in operation |          |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-18 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-19 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-20 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-21 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-22 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-23 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-24 | 4.3             | 2         | Not in c         | peration | 4.3                     | 2                       | 4.7                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-25 | 3.1             | 3         | Not in c         | peration | 3.1                     | 3                       | 4.6                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-26 | Not in o        | operation | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-27 | Not in o        | peration  | Not in c         | peration |                         |                         |                        |                        |  |
| 2010-11-28 | 3.6             | 4         | Not in c         | peration | 3.6                     | 4                       | 4.5                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-29 | 2.8             | 1         | Not in c         | peration | 2.8                     | 1                       | 4.4                    | 3                      |  |
| 2010-11-30 | 2.9             | 2         | Not in c         | peration | 2.9                     | 2                       | 4.3                    | 3                      |  |

### 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 November. No spills were reported to the GN spill hotline.

Table 3-1: Summary of November 2010 AEM Internal Spill Reports

| Date of<br>Spill | Hazardous<br>Material | Quantity | Location                      | Cause of spill                             | Clean-up action<br>taken   | Reported<br>to Spill<br>HotLine |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 2010-11-<br>08   | Fuel                  | 10 L     | Emulsion<br>plant             | Leaking fuel<br>line                       | Line fixed and contaminated snow taken to the snow cells                           | N                               |
| 2010-11-<br>12   | Hydraulic<br>oil      | 5-7 L    | South pit                     | Mechanical pump failure                    | Absorbent pads placed under leak   | N                               |
| 2010-11-<br>19   | Hydraulic<br>oil      | 20 L     | Air strip hill                | An oil filter<br>came loose on<br>a dozer  | Contaminated soil taken to yellow bin at the Hazmat area; oil filter was tightened | N                               |
| 2010-11-         | Hydraulic<br>oil      | 30 L     | South Portage pit             | An oil filter<br>came loose on<br>a dozer  | Contaminated soil was taken to yellow bin at Hazmat area; faulty 'O' ring replaced | N                               |
| 2010-11-<br>23   | Hydraulic<br>oil      | 30 L     | Waste dump                    | Hydraulic oil<br>hose broke on<br>dozer #2 | Contaminated soil was taken to yellow bin at Hazmat area                           | N                               |
| Unknown          | Engine oil            | 30 L     | Waste rock                    | RH-40<br>mechanical<br>failure             | Contaminated snow taken to the snow cells  | N                               |
| Unknown          | Hydraulic<br>oil      | 20 L     | Truck Shop                    | Hydraulic oil<br>line failure              | Contaminated snow<br>taken to the snow<br>cells                                    | N                               |
| Unknown          | Grease                | 40 L     | Heavy<br>equipment<br>parking | Unknown                                    | Contaminated snow taken to the snow cells  | N                               |
| Unknown          | Fuel                  | 10 L     | TSS plant                     | Unknown                                    | Contaminated soil cleaned up and taken to Quarry # 22                              | N                               |