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**File: 2AM-MEA0815 / Amendment No.2**

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**Subject: Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815 – Meadowbank Gold Project, Nunavut;  
Amendment No.2 – Use of Waters**

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Dear Honourable Minister Valcourt:

Please find enclosed, Amendment No.2 to Licence 2AM-MEA0815 (Amendment). The Existing Licence was issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on June 9, 2008 and was subsequently approved by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada on July 10, 2008.

The enclosed Amendment includes changes to the original Licence conditions which result in increases to the authorized use of freshwater associated with the Meadowbank Gold Project. The existing authorized amount of 700,000 m<sup>3</sup> of freshwater per year for all purposes (domestic camp use, mining, milling and associated uses) is increased to a total authorized amount of 1,870,000 m<sup>3</sup> for the year 2013 and then to a total authorized amount of 1,150,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year for 2014 and until the expiry of the Licence (Amendment to Part E, Item 3).

While not requested by the Applicant, the Board has also changed a number of other conditions, namely:

- the exact location of the undertaking to correspond with the information provided to the Board by the Applicant in its Annual Reports (Amendment to Part A, Section 1 [Scope], Item a.);
- the definition of “Regulations” to reflect the fact that the *Nunavut Waters Regulation*, SOR/2013-69 are now in effect in Nunavut, as of April 18, 2013 (Amendment to Schedule A, “Regulations”);
- the terms related to the calculation of fees payable for the right to use waters, as the



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“Regulations” referred to in the Existing Licence (and which serve as the basis for calculating fees) have changed when s. 12 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, SOR 2013/69, came into force (Amendment to Part B, Items 3-4).

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the Amendment issued by the Board requires your approval and as such, the NWB hereby submits the attached “Reasons for Decision Including Record of Proceedings” and Amendment for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie  
Nunavut Water Board  
Hearing Chair

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