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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

**File No.: 2AM-MEA1525 / Renewal**

August 5, 2015

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP  
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**Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MEA1525 – Renewal and Amendment  
Application by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited for the Meadowbank Gold Mine**

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Dear Honourable Minister Valcourt:

Please find enclosed the Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MEA1525 duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or Licensee) for a Mining Undertaking in accordance with the Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. The Licence authorizes AEM to use Water and deposit Waste in support of continued mining, mine closure and reclamation activities at the Meadowbank Gold Mine site, located approximately 70 kilometres north (110 kilometres by All-weather Private Access Road) of Hamlet of Baker Lake, in the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut.

It should be noted that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Project Certificate [004] was issued for the Meadowbank Gold Project on December 31, 2006 pursuant to Section 12.5.7 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA). On September 30, 2014, the NIRB advised the NWB that the renewal Application is exempt from the requirements for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities proposed remain subject to the existing terms and conditions of the Project Certificate [004]. On November 28, 2014, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) advised that it has reviewed the documents related to the Licence renewal request and has determined that it does not warrant a further review by the NPC at this time.

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision and Licence for your consideration.

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

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie  
Nunavut Water Board, Vice-Chair

Cc: Kivalliq Distribution List

Enclosures: Water Licence 2AM-MEA1525  
Reasons for Decision Including Record of Proceedings