



10 February 2011

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu
Licencing Coordinator
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B1J0

**Re: Application for a Class A Water Licence for the upcoming Meliadine Gold Mine: 2BB-MEL0914:
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Only recently the NWB received an amendment application from Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) for an all weather road between Rankin Inlet and the Meliadine site. This road is necessary for the successful completion of the underground program, which was approved by the Nunavut Water Board on January 6th, 2011.

At this time AEM wishes to make the NWB aware that it will also be pursuing a class A water licence to build, operate and decommission a gold mine, subject to the successful completion of the underground program and the feasibility study for the mine. The Project Description, which normally accompanies an application of this sort, is nearing completion and will be forwarded to the Nunavut Water Board and other regulatory agencies in late February or early March. AEM requests that the NWB hold this application until the Project Description for the Meliadine Gold Mine is received in your office at which time the environmental assessment process can be triggered.

AEM looks forward to working with the NWB and all other agencies in facilitating both an informative and expeditious assessment and regulatory process for the Meliadine Gold Mine. The coordinated framework approach, which AEM supports, will go a long way in making this possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in getting in touch with me 819 277 5444 or jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com.

Yours sincerely,



John Witteman
Environmental Consultant to Agnico-Eagle

Cc. Nunavut Impact Review Board
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WATER LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

Application for: (check one)

☒ **New** ☐ **Renewal** ☐ **Amendment** ☐ **Assignment** ☐ **Cancellation**

LICENCE NO:

(for NWB use only)

<p>1. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT/LICENSEE</p> <p><u>Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited</u> <u>93, Rue Arsenault bureau 202</u> <u>Val d'Or, Quebec, J9P0E9</u></p> <p>Phone: <u>819 759 3700 (ext 5447)</u> Fax: <u>819 759 3663</u> e-mail: <u>jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com</u></p>	<p>2. ADDRESS OF CORPORATE OFFICE IN CANADA (if applicable)</p> <p><u>Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited</u> <u>145 King Street East, Suite 400</u> <u>Toronto, ON M5C2Y7</u></p> <p>Phone: <u>416 947 1212</u> Fax: <u>416 367 4681</u> e-mail: <u>jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com</u></p>		
<p>3. LOCATION OF UNDERTAKING (describe and attach a topographical map, indicating the main components of the Undertaking)</p> <p>Latitude: (63°1'30" N) Longitude: (92°10'20" W) NTS Map Sheet No. <u>55N/1</u> Scale: <u>1:50,000</u></p> <p><u>See attached figure 1 Gold Deposits 2010</u></p>			
<p>4. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING (attach plans and drawings)</p> <p>Construction, operation and closure of a gold mine and milling operation at Meliadine Lake, 30 km northwest of Rankin Inlet.</p> <p>See the upcoming Project Description for more information.</p>			
<p>5. TYPE OF PRIMARY UNDERTAKING (A supplementary questionnaire <u>must</u> be submitted with the application for undertakings listed in "bold")</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining and Milling (includes exploration/drilling) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal (includes camps/lodges) <input type="checkbox"/> Power </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (describe below): </td> </tr> </table> <p>See Schedule II of <i>Northwest Territories Waters Regulations</i> for Description of Undertakings</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining and Milling (includes exploration/drilling) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal (includes camps/lodges) <input type="checkbox"/> Power	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (describe below):
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6. WATER USE

- ☒ To obtain water
 ☐ Flood control
☒ To cross a watercourse
 ☒ To divert a watercourse
☐ To modify the bed or bank of a watercourse
 ☒ To alter the flow of , or store, water
☒ Other (describe): Build a jetty into Meliadine Lake, use Lake B7 as a tailings management area . See upcoming Project Description for more information

7. QUANTITY OF WATER INVOLVED (cubic metres per day including both quantity to be used and quality to be returned to source)

- Water use** ☐ 100m³/day or less
☒ Greater than 100m³/day; if greater, indicate quantities to be used for each purpose (camp, drilling, etc.)

Operate a mine and mill. Quantity of water to be used each day will follow as will its use within the mine/mill complex. It is expected that over 90% of the water will be returned to source.

Water returned to source
 _____ m³/day

8. WASTE (for each type of waste describe: composition, quantity (cubic metres per day), methods of treatment and disposal, etc.)

- ☒ Sewage
 ☒ Waste oil
☒ Solid Waste
 ☒ Greywater
☒ Hazardous
 ☒ Sludges
☒ Bulky Items/Scrap Metal
 ☒ Other (describe): waste rock, overburden, see upcoming Project Description

9. OTHER PERSONS OR PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING (give name, mailing address and location; attach if necessary)

The Kivalliq Inuit Association, parcel RI01, and the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet (Commissioner's Land) will be affected by this undertaking.

Land Use Permit

DIAND ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, date expected _____

Regional Inuit Association ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, date expected _____

Commissioner ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, date expected _____

10. PREDICTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF UNDERTAKING AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES (direct, indirect, cumulative impacts, etc.)

The project will undergo a Part 5 environmental review.

NIRB Screening ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, date expected April 30, 2011

11. INUIT WATER RIGHTS

Will the project or activity substantially affect the quality, quantity, or flow of water flowing through Inuit Owned Lands and the rights of Inuit under Article 20 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement?

If yes, has the applicant entered into an agreement with the Designated Inuit organization to pay compensation for any loss or damage that may be caused by the alteration. If no compensation agreement has been made, how will compensation be determined?

Yes. Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited will enter into negotiations with the Kivalliq Inuit Association on a Water Compensation Agreement.

12. CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS (name, address and functions)

To be determined

13. STUDIES UNDERTAKEN TO DATE (list and attach copies of studies, reports, research, etc.)

Golder Associates Ltd. 2008. Archaeological Impact Assessment of the Comaplex Meliadine West Gold Project, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. (Submitted to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Nunavut, Nunavut Permit No. 2008-003A. Golder Associates Ltd., Edmonton

Golder. 2009a. Draft report on Meliadine Gold Project Aquatic Baseline Synthesis Report. (Prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp.) Golder Associates Ltd., Edmonton.

Golder. 2009b. Draft report on Terrestrial Vegetation and Wildlife Baseline Synthesis Report. (Prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp.) Golder Associates Ltd., Edmonton.

Golder. 2010a. All Weather Access Road, Meliadine Gold Project, Feasibility Level Design. (Prepared for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.) Golder Associates Ltd., Vancouver.

Golder. 2010b. Geomorphology and Soils – Meliadine Access Road, Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut. (Prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp.) Golder Associates Ltd., Vancouver.

Golder. 2010c. Static Test Results for Waste Rock and Tailings, Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut, Canada. (Prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp.) Golder Associates Ltd., Ottawa.

Golder. 2010d. Technical Memorandum on Proposed Channel Crossing Structures, Meliadine All Weather Road, Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut. (Prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp.) Golder Associates Ltd., Vancouver.

Golder. 2010e. Geochemical Assessment of Potential Road Construction Material, Meliadine Gold Project, Nunavut. (Prepared for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.) Golder Associates Ltd., Ottawa.

Golder. 2010f. Fish Habitat Loss and Compensation Plan for the All-Weather Road to the Meliadine Gold Project. (Prepared for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.) Golder Associates Ltd., Edmonton.

Hart, E. 1998. Report of the Meliadine West Gold Project Archaeological Survey and Impact Assessment, 53pp.

Indian and Northern Affairs 2002. Mine Site Reclamation Policy for Nunavut, <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nth/mm/pubs/recpolnuna/recpolnuna-eng.pdf>

Micon 2009, Independent Technical Report on the Preliminary Assessment of the Meliadine Project, Nunavut, Canada, 43-101 compliant report prepared for Comaplex Minerals Corp., J. Leader, Micon International Ltd, principal author

Nanuk Enterprises. 1999. Archaeological Impact Assessment of the Comaplex Meliadine West Gold Project, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.

Nunavut Department of the Environment. 2010. Working Together for Caribou, Draft Nunavut Caribou Strategy Framework Summary Document

Nunavut Planning Commission. 1991. Draft Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. Nunavut Planning Commission, Rankin Inlet. 110 pp. <http://www.nunavut.ca/files/Keewatin%20Regional%20Land%20Use%20Plan.pdf>.

All documents will be provided as part of the upcoming Project Description

14. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE REGULATORY PROCESS TO BEGIN

Supplementary Questionnaire (where applicable: see section 5) ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, date expected December 31, 2011

Inuktitut and/or Inuinnaqtun/English Summary of Project ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, date expected December 31, 2011

Application fee of \$30.00 (Payee Receiver General for Canada) ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, date expected December 31, 2011

Water Use fee of \$30.00 (unless otherwise indicated in Section 9 of the *NWT Waters Regulations*; Payee Receiver General for Canada) ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, date expected December 31, 2011

15. PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE (unless otherwise indicated, the NWB will consider the application for a five (5) year term)

☐ one year or less (or) ☒ Multi Year

Start Date: January 1, 2014 Completion Date: Dec 31, 2027 (approximate end date)

Eric M. Lamontagne

Meliadine Project
Manager

John Willeman/for

February 10, 2011

Name (Print)

Title (Print)

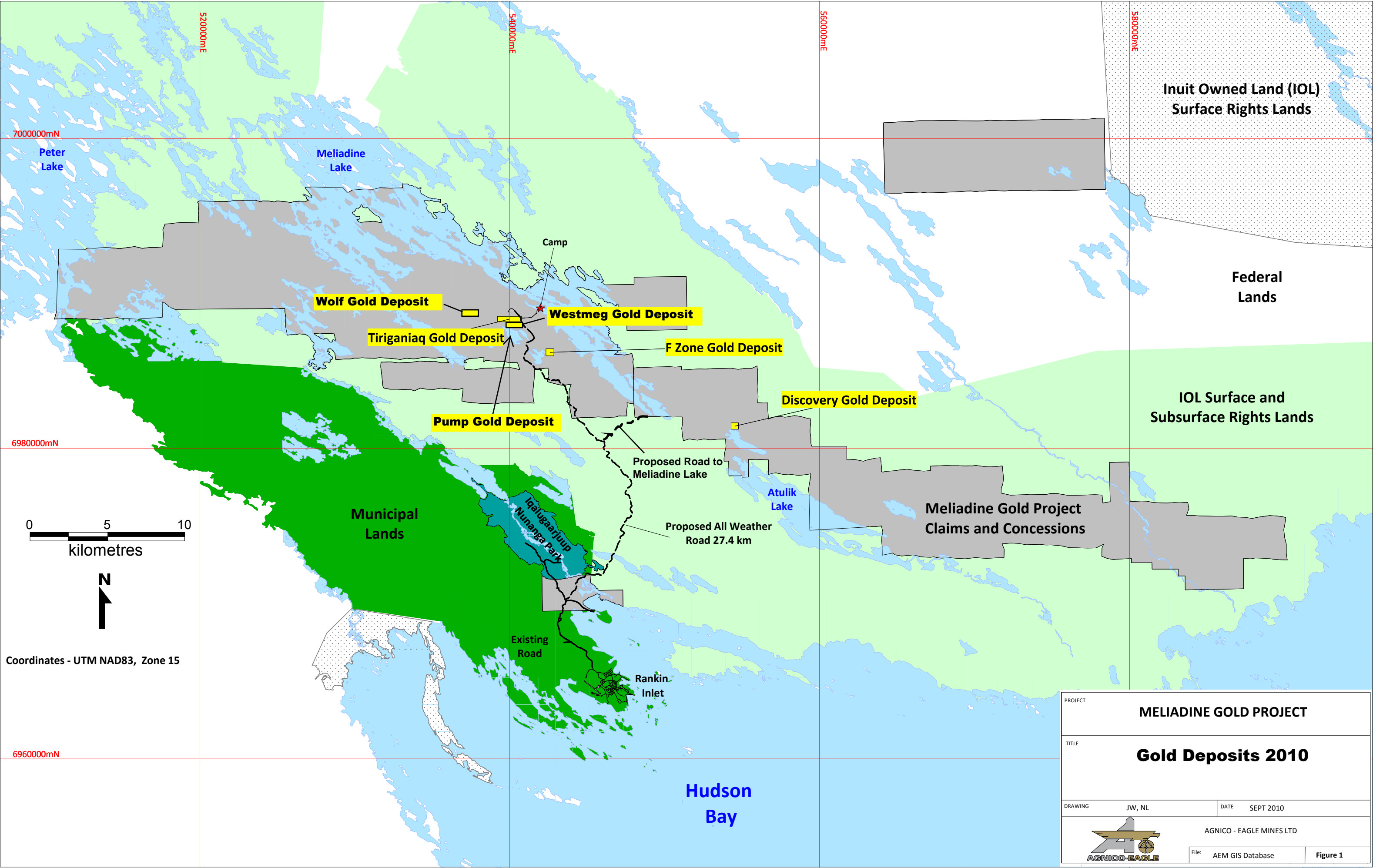
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Date

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APPLICATION FEE Amount: \$_____ Pay ID No.: _____

WATER USE DEPOSIT Amount: \$_____ Pay ID No.: _____



PROJECT		MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT	
TITLE		Gold Deposits 2010	
DRAWING	JW, NL	DATE	SEPT 2010
		AGNICO - EAGLE MINES LTD	
		File:	AEM GIS Database
		Figure 1	