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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, DFO, Caroline Whittle, Luis Manzo, Cassel Kapolak, Jennifer Range:

RE: NPC File No: 150864 [Meliadine Mine Water Licence Amendment]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Agnico Eagle proposes to proceed with a modification for shallow Pump Underground within Permafrost and Water Storage in Pits, operating from 2025 to 2031 under the Water Licence approval. Key activities include:
 - Development of a portal in Pump Open Pit 2 (PUMP02) to extend access to deposits within permafrost;
 - Associated temporary storage of Pump Underground Waste Rock; and
 - Use of mined-out pits to store saline or contact water.
 - Activities for the 2025 modification are located within the approved Meliadine Mine footprint
 - Anticipated changes in the required licenses or permits which will require Modification of the approved Type A WL but no other licenese/permits are required
2. Associated NPC File No: 148382, 148672, 149337, 149399; 149443, 149743, 150202; 150252 Associated NIRB File No: 11MN034, and 21WA007 (Project Certificate No. 006); Associated NWB water license: 2AM-MEA1631.
3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [near Rankin inlet]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determinations were issued (e.g., June 2011, December 22, 2016, January 5, 2018, March 25, 2020, April 1, 2022, January 22, 2024, and January 25, 2024). These conformity determinations still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including construction, operation, reclamation, and closure of both underground and open-pit gold mines (NIRB File No.: 11MN034). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed modification activities within the approved Meliadine Mine footprint under NIRB Project Certificate No. 006, does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150864>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.A.', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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