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**Meliadine Gold Mine Project Part 5 Review Process**  
**Coordinated Process Framework Review with Nunavut Water Board**  
**NIRB File: 11MN034**

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Dear Nunavut Water Board

I am writing to advise you that after much careful consideration, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited has decided that it will not ask the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Nunavut Water Board to apply the Coordinated Process Framework for the Part 5 Environmental Assessment and Type A Water License Application process for our Meliadine Gold Project. We think that all parties will be better served by following the conventional sequential review process, i.e. review of the Type A Water License application following the issuance of a Project Certificate (assuming a positive decision at the end of the Part 5 NIRB review process).

This decision was taken based on the following factors:

- The Meliadine Project continues to evolve and change as exploration activity allows for better definition of the ore resource present at this site;
- Some components of the project could change over the next one to two year window as the feasibility study is completed in late 2013;
- Final design of the key waste and water management components of the project (specifically the tailings impoundment facility and the water management facilities should be deferred until the feasibility study work is completed.

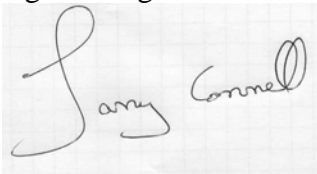
We are comfortable in providing sufficient detail of the project envelope for the purpose of comprehensive environmental assessment however the sequential approach (non-coordinated review process) allows AEM to delay preparation of final design of waste and water management facilities until later in the project feasibility study cycle, under the understanding that the final design is still within the envelope reviewed under the NIRB Part 5 review process. While this will likely extend the potential timelines for completion of the Type A Water Licensing process it will cause less overall confusion resulting from project changes that may occur as feasibility work is completed (again assuming that

such changes are within the envelope reviewed by NIRB under the Part 5 review process).

I will let the Nunavut Impact Review Board know of this decision by separate letter.

I also take this opportunity to advise the NWB that AEM is currently working on a schedule that will see submission of the Meliadine Draft Environmental Impact Statement by November of 2012.

Regards  
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored grid background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Larry Connell".

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