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Re: Meliadine Gold Mine Project - Delay in Response to Information Requests

Mr. Ryan Barry

I am writing to advise the NIRB that we are running late in completing our responses to the Information Requests (IRs) on the Meliadine DEIS. We anticipate that we will now be in a position to file all of our IR responses with NIRB by September 16, 2013. This two week delay comes from two factors:

- 1) On Tuesday August 27th AEM and its consultants met with Environment Canada in Ottawa to discuss a number of our draft responses to the IRs submitted by EC, particularly those dealing with the alternatives assessment conducted for the proposed tailings storage facility and the work done by AEM and its consultants to determine whether the waste rock to be generated at the proposed Meliadine Project can be considered a deleterious substance or not under the Fisheries Act and its associated Metal Mine Effluent Regulation. The meeting was productive and we have committed to amend some of our draft IR responses accordingly and to provide additional information; and
- 2) AEM has been working on providing responses to all of the IRs submitted by the various intervening parties (both the mandatory IRs and those that NIRB indicated could be differed to the technical review stage). We put priority on those IRs flagged by NIRB as being mandatory but we are now also close in responding to the differed IRs. It is AEM's intent to provide responses to both categories of IRs by mid-September.

We apologize for the late notice of this delay but feel that the additional two weeks will provide a more comprehensive IR response package, thus benefitting all parties over the long term.

Should you have any questions or require more information, please contact me directly at stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com or by telephone at 819-763-0229.

Yours sincerely,



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