



**NIRB File No.: 11MN034**  
**NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA1631**

January 30, 2019

Meliadine Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Draft Project Certificate for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment" Proposal Related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project**

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Dear Parties:

On January 28, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed correspondence in response to the Board's October 31, 2018 Reconsideration Report and Recommendations<sup>1</sup> regarding Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment proposal for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034). Collectively, the responsible ministers with regulatory jurisdiction over the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (Responsible Ministers) and with authority for responding to the Board's Reconsideration Report and Recommendations include the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade; the Minister of Transport; the Minister of Natural Resources; and the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Responsible Ministers have accepted the Board's recommendation that the Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment for the Meliadine Gold Mine can proceed with the revising of Term and Condition 25 as well as issuance of new Terms and Conditions 128 through 131 of Project Certificate No. 006. In response to the Board's summary of issues to be addressed through the permitting stage, in addition to now having permits in place for the project in general, the NIRB has provided additional direction in the Reporting Requirements sections of the Terms and Conditions to update Project Certificate No. 006 and expects to issue the updated version within 30 days of the Ministers' letter.

All materials related to the NIRB's assessment of the Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment proposal for the Meliadine Gold Mine, and ongoing monitoring program for the Meliadine Gold Mine can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/124106](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124106).

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<sup>1</sup> Public Registry ID: 322494

Recognizing the NIRB has incorporated the new terms and conditions and provided clarification in the Reporting Requirements associated with numerous terms and conditions of the enclosed *Draft* Project Certificate No. 006 Amendment 1, the NIRB would like to determine if parties would find value in a teleconference Project Certificate workshop. If parties would find value in such a teleconference meeting, the NIRB would tentatively propose February 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to hold the workshop. At this time, the NIRB is providing the draft Project Certificate for parties to review, and provide comments to the NIRB on the following:

- Regulatory Authorities: identify any terms and conditions under which they would be identified as a regulator (different than what is identified in the draft).
- Proponent and Regulatory Authorities: confirm whether a teleconference workshop would be necessary to discuss implementation of these new/updated terms and conditions or updates to reporting requirements.

Parties are asked to submit all comments to the NIRB by **February 11, 2019** via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the NIRB's assessment of the Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment proposal for the Meliadine Gold Mine, please contact Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring, directly by email at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed (2): Minister Response Re Reconsideration Report (January 28, 2019)  
DRAFT NIRB Project Certificate No 006 Amendment 1 (January 30, 2019)