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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

**File No: 2AM-MEL1631
Amendment Application**

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**Subject: Follow up Guidance - Application for Amendment to the Type “A” Water
Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631; Meliadine Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited**

Dear Mr. Quesnel:

As indicated in the text that follows, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) is providing this guidance regarding next steps as a follow up to the Technical Meeting conducted on November 30, 2020 in relation to the application to amend Type “A” Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence) submitted on August 27, 2020 by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) for the Meliadine Project (the Project).

During the Technical Meeting, Agnico Eagle, the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Environment and Climate Change Canada participated to discuss the Amendment Application, the technical comments provided by parties to date and to briefly discuss the process associated with the Board’s consideration of the Amendment Application.

Following the conclusion of the Technical Meeting, the NWB compiled a List of Commitments and a List of Issues associated with the Application and distributed these documents to the participating parties for review. The feedback received from the Applicant and the parties was considered in the final versions of the documents attached to this letter.

Copies of all information received in support of the Amendment Application can be accessed using the following FTP link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/1%20PREHEARING/>

With respect to the next steps in the Board's processing of the Amendment Application, the Board has proposed to conduct the rescheduled **Community Session and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in the week of January 18-22, 2021 (tentatively January 19, 2021)**. Please note: in order to reflect the public health restrictions in place in the community of Rankin Inlet and Nunavut in general, the NWB will not be able to confirm the exact format and process for these meetings until early January. However, recognizing current travel restrictions and isolation requirements, the NWB will be conducting the rescheduled meetings via remote means such as teleconference and/or videoconference, with opportunities for the public to join the meetings and ask questions in English and Inuktitut likely from a central hub or hubs in Rankin Inlet.

Although further specific guidance regarding these meetings will be provided as soon as possible in early January, at this time, the Board asks all interested parties who will be participating in the rescheduled Community Session and Pre-Hearing Conference to provide the NWB with the following information **no later than 3:00 p.m. MST, January 8, 2021**:

- Providing any presentation materials that the parties are intending to present during the Community Session and PHC (e.g. updates to reflect resolution of technical comments, follow up with respect to commitments met prior to the meetings, etc.); and
- Confirming their availability and participation on January 19, 2021, including providing the names of the individuals who will be participating in the Community Session and PHC on their behalf.

While the NWB regrets that we were unable to conduct these meetings in the community of Rankin Inlet as originally scheduled in November, the Board notes that the preservation of the health and safety of the community of Rankin Inlet and all participants in the Board's processes has to be the dominant consideration during the COVID-19 pandemic. In that regard, the Board appreciates the flexibility and cooperation of all who have participated in the amendment process for the Application thus far and encourages continued participation in the remaining stages of the process.

If you have any technical questions or require clarification with respect to the above information, please contact Sergey Kuflevskiy, Technical Advisor, by email at sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca. For procedural and administrative inquiries, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, by e-mail at licensing@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

Richard Dwyer
Manager of Licensing
NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

Attachment: List of Commitments, List of Issues

Cc: Meliadine Distribution List