

NWB File No: 2AM-MEL----

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Subject: Application for the Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL----, Meliadine Gold

Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited; Confirmation of Technical Meeting

and Pre-hearing Conference

Dear Mr. Robert,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) correspondence¹ of August 27, 2015 with respect to the technical review of the Type "A" water licence application 2AM-MEL---- and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or Applicant) for the Meliadine Gold Project, the Board received, on October 5, 2015, comments from various intervening parties including:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC);
- Environment Canada (EC); and
- Kivallig Inuit Association (KivIA).

Copies of the comments received from Intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board's Public Registry and made available through the NWB's FTP site using the following link:

¹ Letter from S. Autut, NWB, to S. Robert, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, Re: Application for a Type "A" Licence, File No. 2AM-MEL----, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

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The Applicant is advised to review the above submissions as well as intervening parties' comments on the technical review of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC). Nevertheless, the Applicant will be welcome to provide preliminary responses to the technical review comments before the Technical Meeting.

During the Technical Meeting the Applicant and intervening parties will be required to provide PowerPoint (or PDF) presentations pertaining to AEM's Type "A" water licence application and the technical review submissions to the Board. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether or not the issues that they have identified have been or will be addressed by AEM to their satisfaction prior to the Hearing. Intervening parties are requested to provide an executive summary of their interventions complete with Inuktitut translations to be made available in hard copy at the meeting.

In its previous correspondence dated August 27, 2015 the Board directed the staff of the NWB to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (TM/PHC) in Rankin Inlet the week of October 12, 2015. The NWB is confirming and advises parties that **Wednesday**, **October 14**, **2015** and **Thursday**, **October 15**, **2015** are now set as dates for the **Technical Meeting** and **Pre-Hearing Conference** in the **Community Hall**, **Rankin Inlet**, **Nunavut**.

Please find attached the proposed Agenda for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. As part of this Agenda the NWB is proposing to hold a community session during the evening of **October 14, 2015** to allow residents of Rankin Inlet to express views they may have regarding the Meliadine Gold Project, the water licence application and/or to ask any questions to the Applicant and the intervening parties. The Applicant should be prepared to provide a summarized version of its PowerPoint presentation provided during the technical meeting for community session. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of the presentation should be made available for distribution during the community session.

By copy of this letter, the Board is requesting that interested parties provide comments if necessary on the proposed Agenda and to **confirm their attendance** at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference by 3:00 p.m. (MT) on **October 9, 2015**.

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties bring with them, copies of the application and correspondence/submission (either hard copy or electronic) for reference as required, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the Public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Karen Kharatyan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca, or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services at (780) 443-4406 or by email at david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca for any technical inquiries, or Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of

Licensing at (867) 360-6338, or by email <u>licensing@nwb-oen.ca</u> for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Autut Executive Director Nunavut Water Board

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PROPOSED AGENDA

TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT

TYPE "A" WATER LICENCE APPLICATION 2AM-MEL----

October 14-15, 2015

Technical Meeting

Date: October 14, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00PM (CT)
Location: Rankin Inlet Community Hall

- 1. Introduction and Registration
- 2. Application to the Board, NWB Opening Remarks (15 Minutes)
- 3. Purpose of the Pre-Hearing / Technical Meeting
- 4. Technical Review of the Application
 - a. Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. presentation on the Project (30Min)
 - b. Identification of Interested Parties
 - c. Presentations from Interested parties (30min/party)
 - d. Discussion of Commitments to Address Technical Issues
 - e. Formulation of Outstanding Issues

Health Breaks – 20-30 minutes

October 14, 2015, 7:00 - 9:30 PM (CT)

Location: Rankin Inlet Community Hall

- 5. Community Session
 - a. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes)
 - b. Presentation of Application by Applicant (30 minutes)
 - c. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes/party)
 - d. Questions and comments from community



PROPOSED AGENDA (CONT)

TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT

TYPE "A" WATER LICENCE APPLICATION 2AM-MEL----

Date: October 15, 2015 Time: 8:30 AM (CT)

Location: Rankin Inlet Community Hall

Continuation of Technical Meeting discussions if required

- 6. Pre-Hearing Conference
 - a. Identify issues preventing application from proceeding to a hearing
 - b. Discuss form, timing and location for any potential Public Hearing
 - c. Establish timetable for the pre-hearing exchange of information, including:
 - i. preparation and service of documents to parties (deadlines, form, public registry); and
 - ii. document translation requirements
 - iii. documentation to be included in the hearing record
 - d. Finalize list of issues to be dealt with at the Public Hearing
 - e. Identify interested parties
 - f. Identify any changes to Application for the purposes of clarification
 - g. Final procedures to be followed at the Public Hearing, including:
 - i. requested modifications to the applicable *NWB Rules of Practice and Procedure* for *Public Hearing* (May 2005)
 - ii. language requirements at the Hearing
 - h. Consider any other matters that may aid in the simplification and disposition of the Application at the Hearing
- 7. Other Issues
- 8. Closing of the Meeting