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File No: 2AM-MEL1631
Amendment Application

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RE: Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project; Amendment Application by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Ms. Prather and Ms. Range:

Further to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) correspondence[1], dated June 4, 2026, with respect to the determination of completeness of the 2AM-MEL1631 Water Licence Amendment Application and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) for the Meliadine Gold Project (the Project), the Board received, on or before July 17, 2026, the Information Requests (IRs) and recommendations from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The original deadline for submissions was July 6, 2026, which was extended to July 17, 2026 after an extension request by the CIRNA.

On August 7, 2026, the Applicant provided their responses to the parties' IRs and recommendations on the completeness of the Application. Intervenors were requested to confirm by August 19, 2026, whether the Applicant's responses were satisfactory. ECCC responded on August 19, 2026, stating that they had no further concerns and were ready to move to the Technical Review stage. CIRNA and DFO submitted follow-up requests by August 19, 2026. The KIA requested an extension and submitted their response on August 21, 2026. Agnico Eagle responded to the follow-up requests from the KIA, CIRNA and DFO on August 28, 2026. In their response, Agnico Eagle stated that some of the requests were more technical and could be discussed at the Technical Review stage.

[1] R. Dwyer (NWB) to C. Prather and J. Range (Agnico Eagle); RE: Meliadine Mine Application to Amendment Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631; June 4, 2026.

After reviewing all submissions from Interveners and responses from Agnico Eagle, the NWB notes that there are some outstanding concerns from the KIA, CIRNA and DFO. The Board understands that some of these concerns are not necessarily information requests, but rather technical issues that could be more effectively discussed during the Technical Review stage and the in-person Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM-PHC).

Addressing these outstanding technical issues at that stage would help move the review process forward more efficiently. Further, the NWB reminds parties that it was seeking feedback on the completeness of information required to begin the full technical review stage, where technical issues can be examined in greater detail.

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 online Public Registry and can be accessed via the following link:

NWB Public Registry link to submissions

Based on the scope and nature of Undertaking, the Application has been deemed to be a complete application for a type A Water Licence. As such, it will require a public hearing as required by the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA)*. All public hearing matters will be carried out in accordance with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing* dated May 11, 2005 (NWB Rules).

NWB Notice of Application and Commencement of Technical Review

The NWB has determined through the completeness and preliminary assessment, which took into consideration the Application, Interveners' submissions, and the Board's initial review, that the Application submitted by Agnico Eagle generally constitutes an administratively and materially complete Application in accordance with the Guides[2]. The Board has therefore decided that the Application can proceed to the next stage(s) of the licensing process, subject to any outstanding pre-licensing considerations that may be associated with the Application. The NWB retains the rights, however, to request additional information and studies pursuant to s. 48(2) of the *NWNSRTA* or to issue additional guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to s. 48(3) of the *NWNSRTA*, if it becomes necessary.

In accordance with s. 55(1) of the *NWNSRTA*, the **Board gives notice of the Application** and invites interested persons to make representation to the Board no later than **October 6, 2026** (3:00 p.m. MST). Notice of the Application will also be forwarded to the council of each municipality in the area(s) most affected by the Application and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area(s) affected or, if there is no such newspaper, in such other manner as the

[2] The minimum information requirements set out in the NWB Guidance Documents: Guide 4 – Completing and Submitting a Water Licence Application for a New Licence, July 2015, see Table 1; and Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications, July 2015, see Table 1.

Board considers appropriate. Parties are advised that the consequences of failure to respond are outlined in s. 59 and s. 60(2) of the *NWNSRTA*[3].

By copy of this letter to the distribution list, all interested parties or persons are requested to complete a thorough technical assessment of the Application for the amendment to the type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631, available from the NWB Public Registry or by directly contacting Colleen Prather, Agnico Eagle, at colleen.prather@agnicoeagle.com.

Next Steps in the Process

The next steps in the Board's consideration of the Application have been outlined as follows for the information of all parties. Please note that the Board reserves the right to revise the next steps and timelines if circumstances dictate:

Steps Preceding Technical Meeting

September 4, 2026	Commencement of the technical review period; parties are asked to provide their technical review comments to the Board
October 6, 2026	Submission of technical review comments and representations to the Board
October 21, 2026	Applicant to provide response(s) to technical review comments. Parties given an opportunity to review responses from Applicant.
October 28, 2026	Circulation of draft Agenda
November 6, 2026	Submission of Applicant's and Interveners' presentations for the proposed technical meeting (including translated versions). Confirmation of attendance and receipt of draft agenda
November 10, 2026	Circulation of final agenda for the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference

[3] Section 59: In the circumstances described in paragraph 58(b), an applicant need not compensate the person under section 58 if the person fails to respond to the notice of application given under subsection 55(1) within the time period specified in the notice for making representations to the Board. Section 60(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of a person referred to in that subsection who fails to respond to the notice of application given under subsection 55(1) within the time period specified in that notice for making representations to the Board.

Steps including and following Technical Meeting

1. Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference: November 16-17, 2026

Rule 14 of the NWB Rules permits the Board, through its staff or in conjunction with staff, to hold a Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) with interested parties, either in writing, by teleconference, or in person.

The Board has directed the staff of the NWB, in accordance with the NWB Rules, to hold an in-person TM/PHC in **Rankin Inlet** in the week of **November 16, 2026 (tentatively on November 16-17, 2026)**. Interested persons should note that these dates are tentative and could be changed by the Board with a notice provided to parties. In advance of the date on which the TM/PHC will be held, the NWB will issue correspondence that will confirm dates and provide other relevant details.

2. Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision

Following the TM/PHC, the NWB will issue a PHC decision that may outline the technical commitments of the Applicant and the administrative and procedural requirements for a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing (PH) Notice

Sub-section 55(2) of the *NWNSRTA* requires that a minimum notice period of sixty (60) days be provided for a Public Hearing (PH). As with the Technical Meeting / Pre-hearing Conference, the Board has the ability to conduct its Public Hearing in writing, by teleconference, or in person. Once the Board has received all information requested through this process and is satisfied that the Public Hearing should proceed, the type or place, date, and time of the hearing will be determined, and a notice will be published by the Board in advance of the Public Hearing and in a manner that promotes public awareness and participation in the hearing.

3. Public Hearing Decision

Following the Public Hearing (PH), the Board will issue a final written decision with reasons (final decision). The final decision will be provided to the Minister of the Northern Affairs (Minister) for the Minister's decision. Interested and intervening parties will also be provided with a copy of the Board's final decision as well as the Minister's decision.

Throughout the technical review phase, interested parties are encouraged to work cooperatively with Agnico Eagle to discuss issues in advance of the proposed TM/PHC. The NWB, however, requests to be kept informed of any issues and any agreements reached between the parties on specific issues related to the Application. The Board also asks that all technical review comments, particularly for matters such as marine discharges, air quality, noise, and wildlife, be provided within the limits of the NWB's jurisdiction over the use of Waters and the deposit of Waste in Waters or that may enter Waters.

All submissions pertaining to this file should be provided to the NWB's Manager of Licensing by email at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by Tuesday, October 6, 2026 (3:00 p.m. MST).

If you have any questions regarding procedural matters related to the file, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, at richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 28).

For any technical inquiries, please contact Mohammad Ali Shaikh, Technical Advisor, at ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at 867-360-6338, ext. 33, or Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, by e-mail to karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD



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