



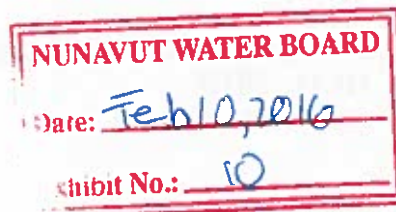
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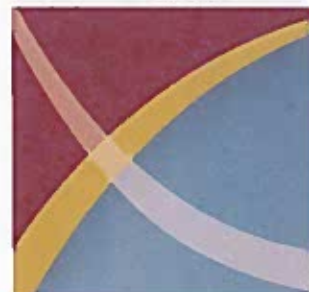
Executive Summary

Public Hearing
New Water Licence Application

Water Licence #2AM-MEL----
Proposed Meliadine Gold Mine
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.
Kivalliq Region, Nunavut



February 10, 2016



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Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (the Department) is an interested party in the Nunavut Water Board's review of Agnico-Eagle's (AEM) application for a Type 'A' Water Licence for the proposed Meliadine Gold Mine. Pursuant to federal legislation, the Department is tasked with co-managing Nunavut's freshwater resources with the Nunavut Water Board.

At this time the Department has a few concerns remaining with AEM's application submitted to the Nunavut Water Board, and they are related to the water and mine waste management plans.

In order to properly address these concerns, the Department has outlined specific recommendations with respect to potential impacts on water quality and requested clarification on some issues. Listed below are the Department's recommendations:

- 1) AEM provide more clarity and information on how it plans to manage on-site water and reduce and eliminate impacts to the environment.
- 2) AEM provide more information and clarity on how arsenic will be handled during mining operations.
- 3) AEM provide more details in its monitoring plan, including locations and frequency of sampling events.
- 4) AEM provide clarification on the design of the tailings storage facility, including thermal instrumentation and monitoring.

The Department has explained and described their concerns and recommendations in detail in its December 23, 2015 final technical review memorandum to the Nunavut Water Board.

The Department will be participating in the upcoming Public Hearing that is to be held in Rankin Inlet on February 10-11, 2016.

