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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has participated as an Intervenor in the ongoing review of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's application to amend their Nunavut Water Board type A water licence 2AM-MEL1631 for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project. This project is situated approximately 25 kilometers north of Rankin Inlet in Nunavut's Kivalliq region. The mine plan for the development of the Tiriganiaq gold deposit has two open pits and one underground mine.

Discussion during the technical review covered the following topics:

- **Scope of licence** – what permissions are added with this amendment
- **Water & wastewater management** – how much water can be used and what is done with the wastewater
- **Predictions of water quantity and quality** – how well models can predict how much water will be on site and how clean it will be
- **Discharge criteria for wastewater** – how clean water must be before being discharged to Meliadine Lake
- **Waste management** – where the piles of waste rock will go
- **Adaptive management** – how discussions of the Adaptive Management Plan for Water Management at the Nunavut Impact Review Board tie in with the water licence
- **Closure, reclamation & security** – how the site will be cleaned up at the end and how much money needs to be set aside in case Agnico Eagle cannot do the clean up

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's seven technical comments have been addressed by Agnico Eagle. Several management plans may have to be revised depending on the outcome of the Nunavut Impact Review Board review of the waterline to discharge saline and contact water into Melvin Bay.