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**Subject: Final Design and Construction Drawings for Rankin Inlet Bypass Road, Culverts and Bridge; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.**

Dear Ms. Turmel and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on March 21, 2017, the Construction Design Report entitled “Design Report and Drawings for Rankin Inlet Bypass Road, Culverts and Bridge Meliadine Project, Nunavut” (Report) that was dated March 21, 2017, including Engineered for Construction Drawings for the proposed infrastructure as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence). The Report was prepared by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. for Agnico Eagle and was dated March 2017.

Agnico Eagle stated in its submission that *a controlled 31 km long All-Weather Access Road (AWAR) links the proposed Meliadine mine site and Rankin Inlet. As proposed in the Roads Management Plan (Agnico Eagle, 2015), Agnico Eagle has to build a bypass road to divert traffic around the community of Rankin Inlet to minimize impacts on the Community. Its design is based on the specifications of the AWAR. The Rankin Inlet Bypass Road (RIBR) will be 6.3 km long with a gravel surface and will allow traffic from the Rankin Inlet Laydown Area to bypass the community of Rankin Inlet, delivering people, materials, and fuel to the proposed Meliadine mine site.*

On March 22, 2017, the NWB made the Report public for review and comments with a deadline for submissions set at April 5, 2017. The Board received submission from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). In its submission, INAC recommends that the Licensee confirm where the construction material will come from and that it will be non-potentially acid generating (NAG) rock.

On April 14, 2017, Agnico Eagle provided the sources of NAG materials to be used along with a map indicating locations of borrow pits and quarries for Meliadine Gold Project. No any follow up comments were received related to additional information.

By copy of this letter the Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D Item 2 of Licence 2AM-MEL1631, and has approved the Report through the Board Motion No. 2017-A1-002, dated April 20, 2017, as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is also advised that the Board's "approval" of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with the Part D, Item 2, and may proceed in accordance with the Report and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's "approval" is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the document.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or [karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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