

# DESIGN REPORT FOR CULVERT #15 MELIADINE PROJECT, NUNAVUT



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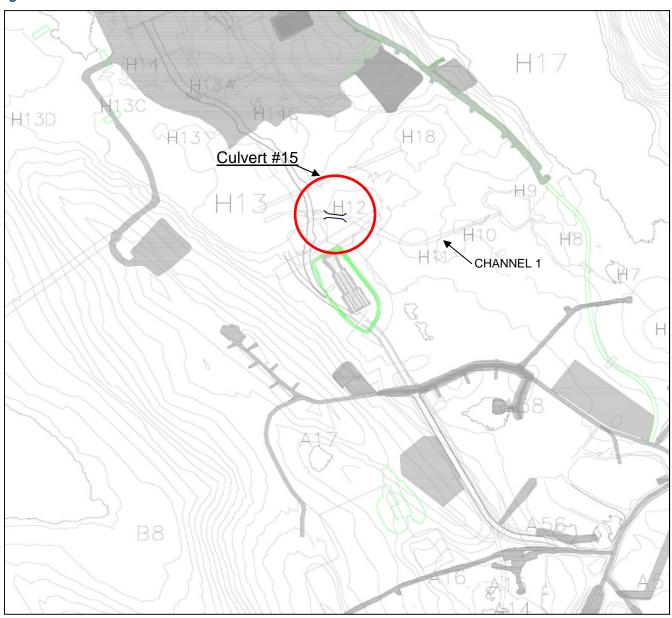
# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Site Location and Access

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) is developing the Meliadine Project (the Project), a gold mine located approximately 25 km north of Rankin Inlet, and 80 km southwest from Chesterfield Inlet in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. The project site is located on the peninsula between the East, South, and West basins of Meliadine Lake (63°01'23.8"N, 92°13'6.42"W). The area is accessible from the all-weather gravel road linking the Meliadine mine site with Rankin Inlet. A general location plan of the project is shown in Figure 1 (Appendix A).

Culvert #15 is in the Meliadine Site area, more specifically underneath the ramp access to the Crusher, in the Channel 1 path. See Figure 2 for Culvert #15 location.

Figure 2: Culvert # 15 location



# 1.2 Existing and Future Site Facilities

The current mine plan focuses on the development of the Tiriganiaq gold deposit which will be mined using both conventional open-pit and underground mining operations. Current or proposed mining facilities to support this development include a plant site and accommodations, tailings storage facility and water management infrastructures.

Several infrastructures such as water retention dikes, berms, culverts, channels, collection ponds, pumping stations, fresh water intake and water treatment plants are required to manage water during pre-production, operation, and interim mine closure.

Facilities that are planned to be constructed for the operation of the future Meliadine Mine include a process plant, power plant, maintenance facilities, tank farms for fuel storage, water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, accommodations, and kitchen facilities for 520 people.

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has issued Type "A" Water License No. 2AM-MEL1631 (Water license "A") to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) for the Meliadine Gold Project site authorizing the use of water and the disposal of waste required by mining and milling and associated uses.

# 1.3 Scope of Work

Agnico Eagle retained the services of Tetra Tech to carry out the planning and design works associated with the Water and Environment and the Civil Works components of the Project. As part of the scope of work, Agnico Eagle asked Tetra Tech to:

- Conduct a detailed design for the haul roads, service roads, and temporary roads as part of the 2018 civil work construction schedule including the crossing culverts;
- Produce construction drawings and specification for the roads and culverts;
- Prepare a design report of the culverts.

In accordance with Part D of the Water License "A", this report summarizes the site conditions, design basis, and considerations of Culvert #15, in addition to construction drawings and specifications of those infrastructures.

#### 2.0 DESIGN

# 2.1 Culvert Design Basis and Water Management Strategy

The overall objective of the water management strategy of this project is to develop a practical and feasible site wide water management plan to minimize the potential negative impacts of mining development on the surrounding environment including habitats for fish and wildlife, and to facilitate mine operation and long-term closure and reclamation of the mine site. To attain this objective, culverts are used to control and divert runoff underneath the roads and allow discharge flows on channels.

#### 2.1.1 Erosion Control

Rip rap will be installed around the culvert inlet and outlet areas to control erosion. For an example of a rip rap section, see attached the typical culvert cross-section presented in Appendix B.

During the installation of the culverts, if required, straw logs will be used in the work area to prevent total suspended solids from reaching downstream water bodies.

# 2.1.2 Culvert Specifications

Standard galvanized, corrugated steel pipe culvert with a profile of 68 x13 mm and a minimum thickness of 2.8 mm is proposed. The culvert will be in service for up to 15 years. It is understood that the haul trucks to be used at the project site will be CAT AD60 for underground trucks and Komatsu HD465 model or equivalent for open pit trucks.

For the ramp access to the Crusher, a minimum of 850 mm granular fill cover should be placed on top of the Culvert #15 to allow heavy traffic access. The backfill around the culvert will be granular fill 50mm MINUS, or an approved equivalent, and shall be placed in lifts not greater than 0.3 m thick and compacted to a minimum of 95% of Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (ASTM D698).

The location and details of the proposed culvert are presented in drawings 65-417-230-224\_R2 and 65-417-230-203\_R3 provided in Appendix B.

The Table 1 below presents the characteristics of the proposed culvert:

Table 1: Culvert #15 specifications

| Item                                      | Culvert #15         |  |  |
|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Location                                  | Crusher ramp access |  |  |
| Number of pipes in culvert                | 4                   |  |  |
| Length of each culvert (m)                | 50                  |  |  |
| Diameter of each culvert (mm)             | 1 200               |  |  |
| Min. Granular fill cover over culvert (m) | 0,85                |  |  |
| Corrugation profile of each culvert (mm)  | 68 x 13             |  |  |
| Thickness of each culvert (mm)            | 2,8                 |  |  |

According to the proposed configuration, the inverts of the pipes are indicated in Table 2.

Table 2: Culvert #15 characteristics

| Number of pipes and | S (%) | Highest pipe              |                             | Lowest pipe               |                             | Length of        |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Diameter            |       | Invert<br>Upstream<br>(m) | Invert<br>Downstream<br>(m) | Invert<br>Upstream<br>(m) | Invert<br>Downstream<br>(m) | each pipe<br>(m) |
| 4 Ø 1200 mm         | 0,46  | 66,15                     | 65,93                       | 65,85                     | 65,62                       | 50               |

# 2.1.3 Figures and Drawings

Figure 1 in Appendix A presents a general site layout plan, while Figure 2 in section 1 of this report shows the location of Culvert #15. Drawing 65-417-230-224 and 65-417-230-203 provided in Appendix B presents the construction plan view and details for Culvert #15.

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## 4.0 CLOSURE

We trust this report meets your present requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

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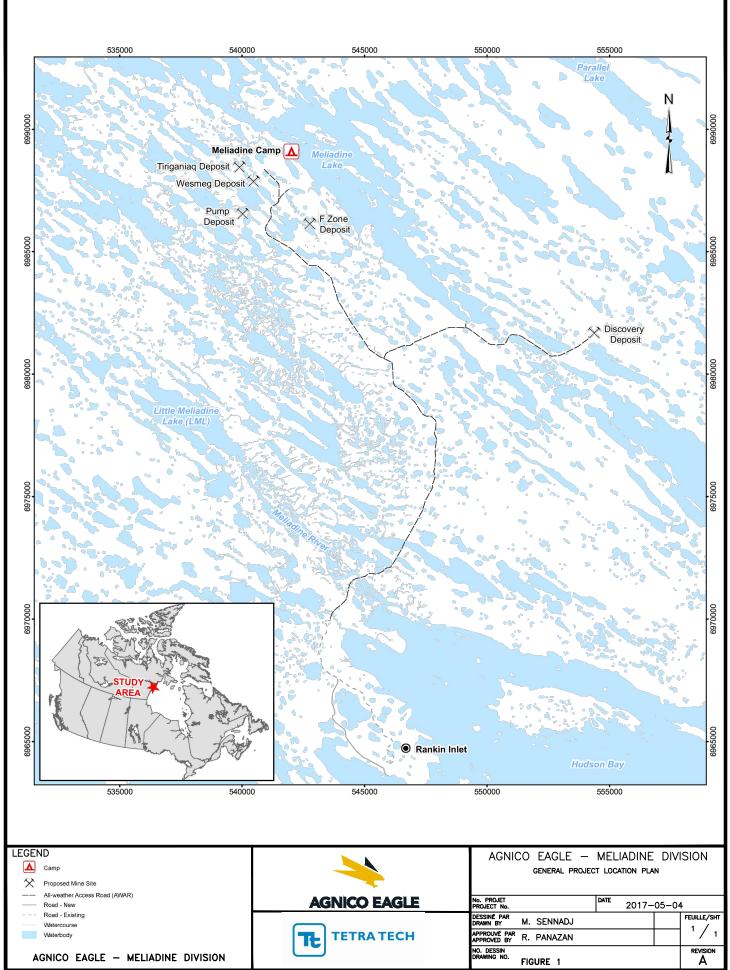
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# **APPENDIX A**

Figure 1 – Site Location



# **APPENDIX B**

Drawings - Proposed Culvert Location & Details

