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Subject: Design Report for Culvert #15; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Ms. Huza and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on July 20, 2018, the construction design report entitled “Design Report for Culvert #15 Meliadine Project, Nunavut” dated July 2018, including For Construction Drawings (Report) for the proposed infrastructure completed by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

The Construction Design Report or Report summarizes the site conditions, design basis, and considerations including the final design and construction drawings for the Culvert #15, as specified under Water License 2AM-MEL1631, Part D Item 1.

The Report states that *Culvert #15 will be in the mine site area more specifically underneath the ramp access to the Crusher, in the Channel 1 path. 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 Culvert #15 proposed will be in service for up to 15 years. The standard galvanized, corrugated steel pipe culvert, with a profile of 68x13 mm and a minimum thickness of 2.8 mm is proposed.

The Report was distributed for a public review and comments with a deadline for submission set at August 1, 2018. On August 1, 2018, the NWB received correspondence from Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), advising the Board that they do not have any issues with the construction of the proposed Culvert #15. On August 2, 2018, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) raised a few questions, that were answered by Applicant on August 3, 2018.

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. 2018-A1-011, dated August 08, 2018, as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is also advised that the Board's "approval" of these documents is a verification that the proposed activities are 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 documents.

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

Regards,

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