

# DESIGN REPORT FOR CULVERT #6 AND #21 MELIADINE MINE, NUNAVUT



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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Site Location and Access

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) is operating the Meliadine gold mine (the Mine), located approximately 25 km north of Rankin Inlet, and 80 km southwest from Chesterfield Inlet in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. The mine 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).

#### 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 have been constructed for the operation of the 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:

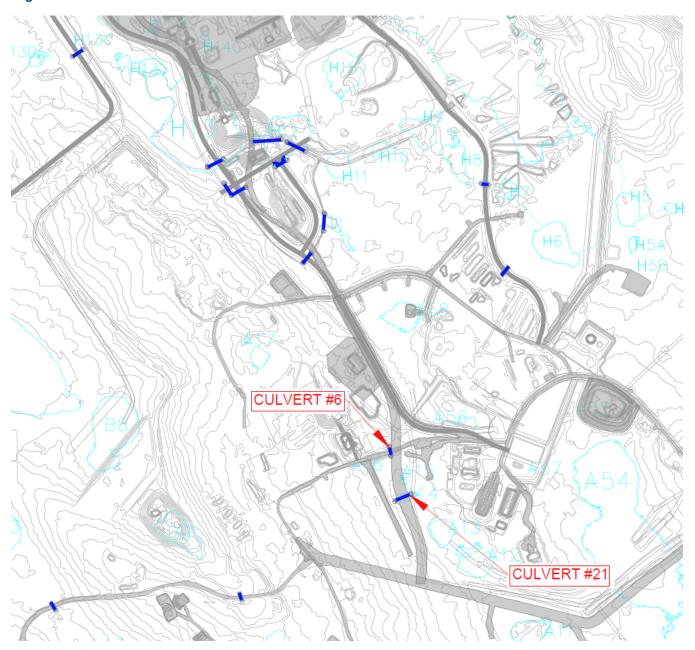
- Conduct a detailed design for the haul roads, service roads, and temporary roads as part of the civil work construction schedule including the crossing culverts;
- Produce construction drawings and specification for the roads and culverts;
- Prepare a design report of the culverts.

In accordance with Part D of the Water License "A", this report summarizes the site conditions, design basis, and considerations of Culvert #6 and #21 in addition to construction drawings and specifications of those infrastructures.

#### 1.4 Culvert Locations

At its Meliadine site, Agnico Eagle is extending an existing haul road to reach Tiri 01 and Tiri 02 open pits. As a result of the haul road extension, 2 culverts will be required to properly manage the water within this internal area of the overall site. Culvert #6 is located to the west of the haul road extension on the access road to the Tiriganiaq esker, while Culvert #21 is located on the haul road extension. See Figure 2 for culvert locations.

Figure 2: Culverts #6 and #21 locations



#### 2.0 DESIGN

#### 2.1 Culvert Design Basis and Water Management Strategy

The overall objective of the water management strategy of this mine 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 to 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 x 13 mm and a minimum thickness of 2.0 mm for pipe diameters ≤ 700 mm and 2.8 mm for pipe diameters > 700 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 Tiriganiaq access road, a minimum of 825 mm granular fill cover shall be placed on top of the Culvert #6 highest pipe. For the haul road extension, a minimum of 850 mm granular fill cover shall be placed on top of the Culvert #21 highest pipe to allow for 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 culverts are presented in drawings 65-417-230-229 and 65-417-230-203 provided in Appendix B. The Table 1 below presents the characteristics of the proposed culverts:

Table 1: Culvert #6 and #21 specifications

Item	Culvert #6	Culvert #21
Number of Pipes and Diameter	2 Ø 900 mm	2 Ø 1000 mm
Slope Gradient (%)	4.46	0.56
Invert Upstream (m)	69.90	67.69
Invert Downstream (m)	68.74	67.51
Length of Each Pipe (m)	26	32
Corrugation profile of each culvert (mm)	68 x 13	68 x 13
Thickness of each culvert (mm)	2.8	2.8
Estimated Peak flow (m³/s)	0.685	0.748
Culvert Flow Capacity (m³/s)	4.142	1.944

### 2.1.3 Figures and Drawings

Figure 1 in Appendix A presents the location of the mine site.

Figure 2 in section 1.1 presents the proposed culverts location.

The following construction drawings are presented in Appendix B and present the details for the culverts' construction:

- ➤ 65-417-230-229: Haul Road Extension Plan and profile 0+00 to 0+729
- ➤ 65-417-230-203: Typical section for haul road and culverts

#### 3.0 LIMITATIONS OF REPORT

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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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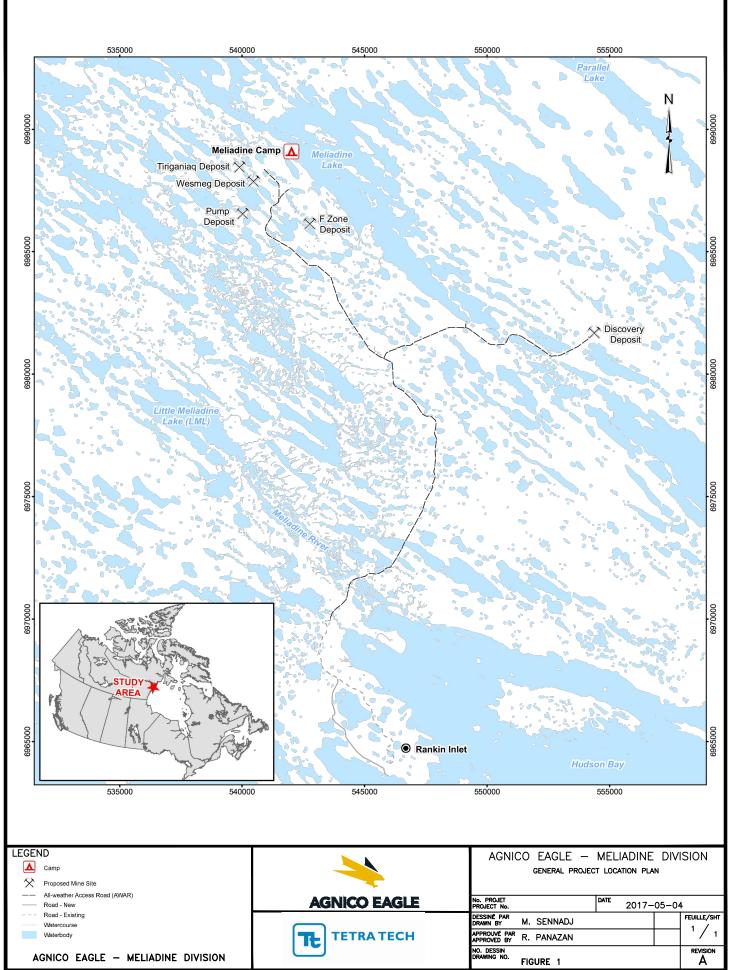
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# **APPENDIX A**

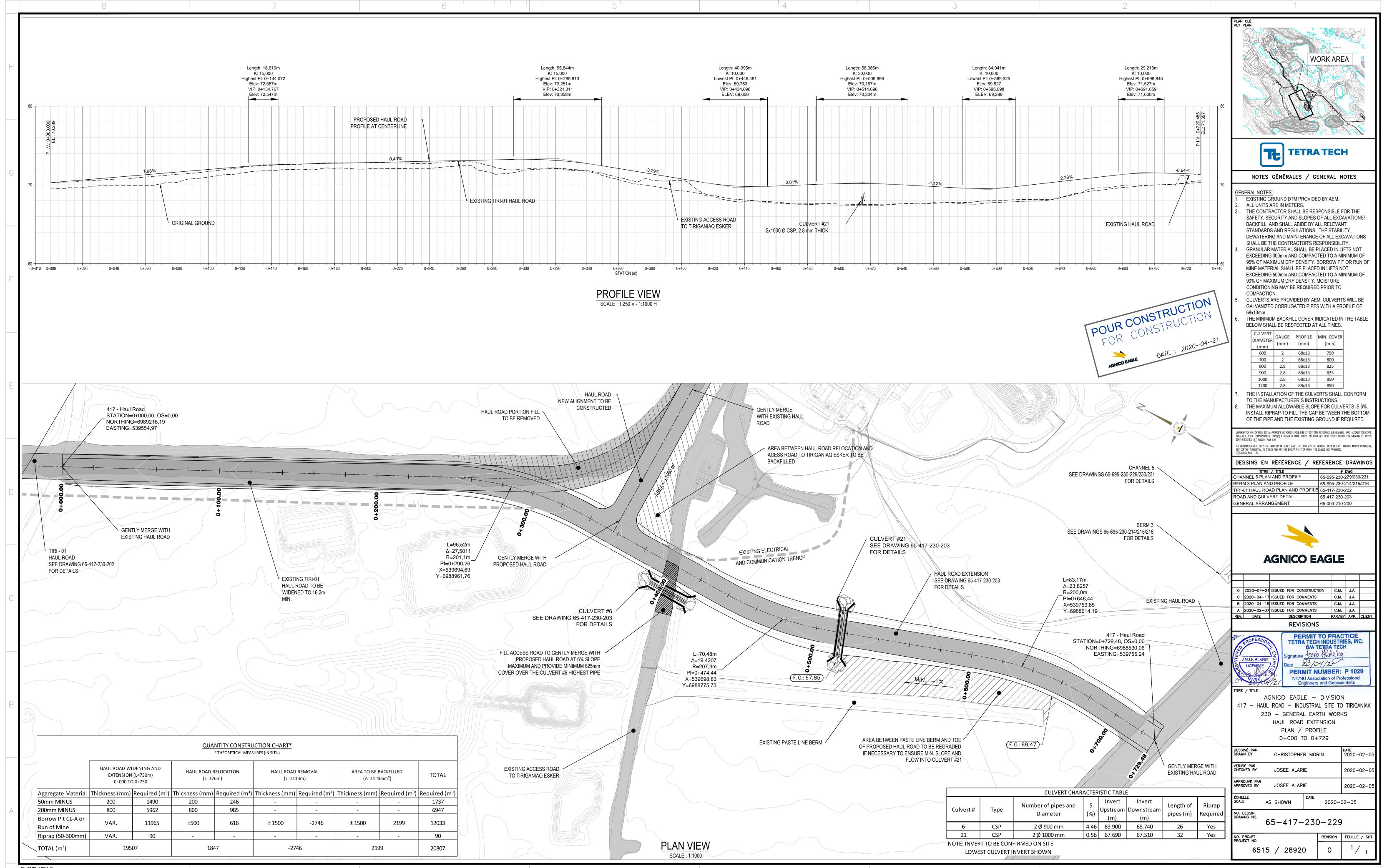
Figure 1 – Site Location



## **APPENDIX B**

Drawings - Proposed Culvert Location & Details

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