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RE: Design Report for Culverts #6 and #21; Type "A" Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Ms. Savoie:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed a technical review of the construction Design Report entitled "Design Report for Culvert #6 and #21, Meliadine Mine, Nunavut" (Report) provided to the Board on April 23, 2020 by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) to fulfill the requirements of Part D, Item 1 of Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence). The Report was prepared by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. and dated April 2020.

This Report summarizes the site conditions, design basis, and considerations of Culverts #6 and #21 in addition to construction drawings and specifications for those infrastructures. The Report is also intended to meet the requirements of Part D, Items 1 and 2 of the Licence.

As reported by Agnico Eagle, these culverts will be required to properly manage the Water within the internal area of the overall site due to extension of the existing haul road to the Tiri 01 and Tiri 02 open pits.

Upon receipt, the submission was distributed for a two (2) week public review with a deadline set at May 7, 2020. In correspondence dated May 5, 2020, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) indicated that they *did not have any comments on the design report with respect to design criteria*. However, CIRNA noted that the attached culvert typical sections were dated 2017 and recommended *to update the culvert details to be reflective of the anticipated works for 2020*.

On May 11, 2020, Agnico Eagle provided their response to CIRNA's comment clarifying that this sealed engineering drawing has not been changed since it was issued in 2017 and that any revisions made in the field will be reflected in the as-built.

All correspondence relevant to this submission is available from the NWB's ftp site using the following link:

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By copy of this letter the Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Item 2 of Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631, and <u>has approved the Report through the Board Motion No. 2020-A1-001</u>, dated May 14, 2020, as required by Part D, Item 1 of the Licence.

The Licensee is advised that the Board's "approval" of this document is a verification that the proposed activities are consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence, and more specifically with 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 (extension 29) or sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Sergey Kuflevskiy Nunavut Water Board, Technical Advisor

Cc: Distribution List – Meliadine

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Culverts 6 & 21