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RE: Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 type A for the Meliadine Gold Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Culverts at the Exploration Road and AWAR Design Report and drawings.

Dear Ms. Robitaille:

On June 26, 2025, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received Design Report and drawings (Design Report or Report) from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) titled Meliadine Mine – IFC Design of three watercourse crossings (KM 1.1 on the Exploration Camp access road and KM 15.4 and KM 8.8 on the All-Weather Access Road), dated December 17, 2024. This notification is required under Part D, Item 1 of the type A Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631.

The Report states that *“Two access roads are used to connect the Meliadine Gold Mine and Itivia: The All-Weather Access Road (AWAR) and the Rankin Inlet Bypass Road (RIBR). The Exploration Camp Access Road (EXPLO) is used to connect the main operational camp with the original Meliadine exploration camp. Three watercourse crossings on the access roads were recently assessed for culvert replacement, remediation, or installation.”*

The Report states that *“It is anticipated that the installation of the culverts at AWAR 8.8 with new designs and the installation of culverts at AWAR 15.4 that consider the life-history requirements of small-bodied fish will directly improve habitat connectivity for the small-bodied species that use habitat at those watercourses. The replacement of the crossing at EXPLO 1.1B is expected to improve connectivity within the respective watercourse by restoring the historical main flow path and connecting any fish trapped above the crossing (i.e., fish that enter the low-lying area during wet conditions) to downstream sections of the watercourse.”*

Agnico Eagle further state that this construction would take place in 2025.

On June 26, 2025, the NWB distributed the Report for public review. Interested parties were invited to comment until July 17, 2025. The NWB received submissions from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on July 16, 2025 and July 15, 2025. CIRNA, in their submission, stated that they had no comments or concerns at this time.

Agnico Eagle responded to DFO's comments on Aug 28, 2025. DFO confirmed on Aug 28, 2025 that their concerns were addressed.

A summary of the submission from DFO is provided below:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) July 15, 2025

1. Clarify if Agnico Eagle still intends to include the installation of boulder clusters at 5m intervals at EXPLO 1.1, as recommended by DFO in their letter of advice. If not, please provide rationale.

Response: Agnico Eagle stated that "The RfR was submitted on December 19, 2024, including additional information provided on February 3, 2025. The RfR submission included final versions of the designs. The DFO Letter of Advice 24-HCAA-02901 is dated March 20, 2025 and recommends the following: Place boulder clusters at 5 m intervals through the length of the culvert at EXPLO 1.1B crossing. The recommendation was received after the designs were finalized. Agnico Eagle does intend to include boulder clusters within the culvert at EXPLO 1.1B."

Copies of all documents received in support of the Report can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following Link:

<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/D%20CONSTRUCTION/Culverts%20at%20the%20Exploration%20Road%20and%20AWAR/>

NWB's Review and Decision

The Licensee is advised that the Board's review 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 Part D, Item 1. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance 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.

Further, in keeping with Part D, Item 3 and 4 of the Licence's terms and conditions, the submission of post-construction information, including as-built plans and drawings, shall remain applicable to this authorization.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Distribution List – Meliadine