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File No: **2AM-MEL1631/TR/D1, D2**

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**RE: Design Report for the Freshwater Treatment Plant Upgrade; 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, Freshwater Treatment Plant Upgrade*”, dated June 2020 (Report), provided to the Board on July 7, 2020 by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) to fulfill the requirements of Part D, Item 1 of Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

This Report includes the final design and construction drawings for the Freshwater Treatment Plant (FWTP) upgrade. Agnico Eagle stated in its submission that *each component of the FWTP upgrade was selected to store an additional two 2,100 gallons of water storage (15.8 m³)*. Additionally, the document clarified that *the current treatment plant is able to produce 216 m³ per day (maximum design flow)* and that *the total storage within the Freshwater Treatment Plant would be at 35.8 m³: 20 m³ for the current storage and an additional 15.8 m³ for the upgraded storage tank*. This Report is also intended to meet the requirements of Part D, Items 1 and 2 of the Licence.

Upon receipt, the submission was distributed for a three (3) week public review with a deadline for comments set at July 29, 2020 and later extended to August 7, 2020 at the request of the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA). On July 27, 2020 and August 7, 2020, the Board received comments from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and KivIA, respectively. In their submissions, both parties indicated that they have no concerns with this Report.

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

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/D%20CONSTRUCTION/Freshwater%20Treatment%20Plant/>

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 has approved the Report through the Board Motion No. 2020-A1-003, dated August 12, 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,



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