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**Subject: Final Design and Construction Drawings for the:
Fuel Storage and Containment and Facilities, and
Itivia Laydown Area Culvert;
Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project,
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.**

Dear Ms. Turmel and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on April 7, 2017 and April 14, 2017, respectively, the Construction Design Reports entitled:

- “Design Report and Drawings for the Fuel Storage and Containment Facilities” (Report-Fuel Facilities) completed by WSP Canada Inc. and
- “Design Report for the Itivia Laydown Area Culvert, Meliadine Project, Nunavut” (Report-Itivia Culvert) completed by Tetra Tech Canada Inc.,

including Engineered for Construction Drawings for the proposed infrastructure as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

The Report-Fuel Facilities stated that *facilities that are scheduled to be constructed for the operation of the future Meliadine Mine include a mill, power plant, maintenance facilities, tank farm for fuel storage, water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant and accommodations and kitchen facilities for 520 people, and that the facilities include two (2) main fuel storage tanks located at Rankin Inlet Itivia site and four (4) fuel storage tanks located at the Meliadine site.*

The Report-Itivia Culvert stated that future facilities at Itivia that are intended to support the Project include a bypass road to divert traffic related to the Project around the community of Rankin Inlet, a fuel storage and containment facility as well as a laydown area which includes a culvert.

The Report-Fuel Facilities was distributed for a public review and comments on April 11, 2017 with a deadline for comments set at April 25, 2017, and the Report-Itivia Culvert was distributed for a public review and comments on April 18, 2017 with a deadline for submission set at May 2, 2017. On April 25, the Board received submission from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). In its submission, INAC stated that it has no issue or concerns with both the Itivia laydown culvert and fuel storage and containment facilities' construction drawings.

By copy of this letter the Board acknowledges that the Report-Itivia Culvert and Report-Fuel Facilities (Reports) do address the requirements of Part D Item 2 of Licence 2AM-MEL1631, and has approved the Report – Itivia Culvert through the Board Motion No: 2017-A1-005, and the Report – Fuel Storage and Containment Facilities through the Board Motion No. 2017-A1-004, dated May 05, 2017 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 Reports 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 at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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