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RE: Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 type A for the Meliadine Gold Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Jetty A8 Design Report and drawings.

Dear Ms. Robitaille:

On May 13, 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 Design for Jetty A8, dated May 7, 2025. This notification is required under Part D, Item 1 of the type A Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631.

Agnico Eagle have stated that "Lake A8 will be used to collect some surface runoff water in the open-water season. A new submersible pump will be installed in the vicinity of the lowest point of the lake before freshet and will be removed before freeze and it will pump out the collected water to Collection Pond CP1. Water collected in CP1 will be treated by the Effluent Water Treatment Plant (EWTP) prior to discharge to the environment via the diffuser into Meliadine Lake or prior to be reused by the process plant. To allow the installation and the access of the pump, a jetty will be built in Lake A8. The jetty will be approximately 430m long and be made of granular material. It will be wide enough to allow crane access."

Jetty A8 will be 11 m wide, including a minimum roadway surface of 8 m plus room for pipeline, power cables as well as suitable safety barriers if required. There will be a widened area at the extremity of the jetty. The jetty will be constructed of non-acid generating (NAG), coarse rock fill from esker or from Run-of-Mine (ROM) waste rock obtained from the development of the mine.

The work is planned to commence by mid-September 2025 and expected to be completed by December 2025.

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On May 13, 2025, the NWB distributed the Report for public review. Interested parties were invited to comment until June 3, 2025. Submissions were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on June 3, 2025 and May 20, 2025 respectively. DFO, in their submission, stated that they had no comments or concerns at this time. Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA's concerns on June 13, 2025. On June 19, 2025 CIRNA confirmed that their concerns were addressed. A summary is provided below:

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) June 3, 2025

1. CIRNAC recommended that Agnico Eagle explicitly state where it will relocate the water being removed from the lake.

<u>Response</u>: Agnico Eagle explained that water from A8 will be pumped into Meliadine Lake, using two 16" HDPE lines with a diffuser at the end to control erosion and disturbance of sediments. The diffuser will be located 60m offshore and floating on the lake surface. The dewatering phase will happen during the open-water season 2025. During the operational phase water from A8 pumped at the jetty will be pumped to CP1.

2. CIRNAC recommended that Agnico Eagle indicate the method for transporting the water and the route to be taken to transport the water to CP-1.

<u>Response</u>: Agnico Eagle stated that water will be pumped from the end of the jetty using a submersible electrical pump. Water will be transported to CP1 in a 16" HDPE pipe. The pipe path will be the same as the one used for the Dewatering phase. The piping layout and routing details are included as attachments in the design report.

3. CIRNAC recommended that Agnico Eagle the specifications for the submersible pump and where it will be stored when not in use.

Response: Agnico Eagle stated that "the submersible pump that will be used at CP9 as design is a MAV-1075HC, 75HP. The specification sheet is provided in Appendix 2. At the end of the pumping season, the pump will be winterized in the water management shop and stored in a non-heated seacan."

4. CIRNAC recommended that Agnico Eagle clarify if the road to the pump is the access road to be used for the construction of the jetty and provide any water management plans that may need to be implemented as a result.

<u>Response</u>: Agnico Eagle clarified that small access roads have been built to access the A8 jetty area and has been inspected by CIRNAC. To limit the disturbance of the tundra, these roads are following the exact same path as the final haul roads that are planned to be built in winter 2026. Further details can be found in Appendix 3 of the design report.

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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/Jetty%20A8/

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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