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**Subject: Final Design and Construction Drawings for Jetty-CP1 and Jetty-CP5; 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 December 2, 2016 the Construction Design Report entitled: “Design Report for Jetty-CP1 and Jetty-CP5 Meliadine Project, NU” (Report), including Issued for Construction Engineered Drawings for the proposed infrastructures as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence). The Report was completed by Tetra Tech Industries Inc. for AEM and dated December 2016.

Agnico Eagle stated in its submission that *the proposed Jetty-CP1 is required in order to pump water collected in collection pond CP1 to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) for treatment prior to discharge to the environment via the diffuser into Meliadine Lake or prior to be reused by the process plant. The proposed Jetty-CP5 is required to pump collected water from the collection pond CP5 to the collection pond CP1. Jetty-CP5 and Jetty-CP1 are required to be constructed before the spring freshet of 2017.*

The Report was distributed for a ten (10) day public review and comments on December 2, 2016. Comments were received from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) on December 12, 2016. In its comment INAC recommended that *material being used to build the jetties must be shown to be non-acid-generating. Given the nature of the two choices AEM should use material*

sourced from eskers (less likely to be ARD) for the construction of the jetties even though the plan states that the run-of mine waste rock is NAG.

The NWB acknowledges Agnico Eagle's commitment provided on December 16, 2016, and stating that *as per Agnico Eagle's final design and construction drawings report and based on availabilities, NAG run-of-mine or NAG Class A esker material will be used to build the jetties. The use of coarse rock material will ensure stability of the infrastructures.*

By copy of this letter the Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D Item 2 of Licence 2AM-MEL1631, and has approved the Report through the Board Motion No. 2016-A1-010, dated January 3, 2017, as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is also advised that the Board's "approval" 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 the 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 document.

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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