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**Subject: Design Report and Construction Drawings for Operation Landfill; 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 July 17, 2017, the Construction Design Report entitled “Design Report for Operation Landfill (Stage 1), Meliadine Gold Project” dated July 13, 2017, including Engineered for Construction Drawings (Design Report or Report) for the proposed infrastructure completed by Tetra Tech Canada Inc. as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

Agnico Eagle (2015) presented a Landfill and Waste Management Plan (Plan) for the Meliadine Gold Project which formed a component of the documentation series produced for the Type “A” Water Licence application. The Plan was approved with the issuance of Licence in 2016. The Landfill and Waste Management Plan described the preliminary design basis and operational procedures for the landfill to be constructed at the project site.

The key points for the landfill design and operation, as described in the Plan, have been included within the design consideration. The Design Report summarizes the site conditions, design basis, considerations, and criteria and presents the detailed design of the Stage 1 operation landfill, including construction drawings and material quantities.

The Report states that *the acceptable waste materials are non-salvageable, non-hazardous, nonputrescible solid industrial wastes that have a low leachate and low heat generation potential and cannot be incinerated in the site's incinerator.*

The proposed landfill will be situated at the northeast corner of the proposed Waste Rock Storage Facility 1 (WRSF1). This location was selected to facilitate site drainage management, minimize overall environmental footprint of the project, facilitate easy access and final closure/reclamation, and provide sufficient storage capacity and operation flexibility.

The Report was distributed for a public review and comments with a deadline for submission set at August 3, 2017. On July 27, 2017, the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) informed the NWB that it has no comments at this time. On August 3, 2017, the Board received communication from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) stating that DFO has reviewed the submission in accordance with its mandate and has no comments at this time. On August 7, 2017, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) advised the Board that INAC is satisfied with the Report.

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 Reports through the Board Motion No. 2017-A1-011, dated August 8, 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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