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Affairs Canada (INAC) on July 22, 2016 and July 23, 2016.

Although no major issues were identified, however questions were raised that needed further clarifications. ECCC questions were related to the potential impact of saline water on the accretion of permafrost, possible seepages between Saline Water Storage Pond and A54/CP5, and thermal profiles of borehole GT09-21. INAC raised questions regarding lining of berm, minimum estimated storage capacity of pond, final rock slope geometry and stability determination during the excavation of pond, associated monitoring and inspection, and saline water long term disposal or treatment.

On August 2, 2016, the Licensee provided clarifications and responses to comments. On August 8, 2016, the ECCC and INAC informed the Board that they have reviewed AEM's responses and they do not have concerns at this time.

The Board has approved the Design Report for Saline Water Storage/Transfer Pond and Berm Meliadine Project, through Board Motion No. 2016-A1-002, dated August 11, 2016, as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-MEL1631. The Licensee is 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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