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**Subject: Final Design and Construction Drawings for Wesmeg Culverts; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.**

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Dear Ms. Turmel and Mr. Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Licensee) on October 17, 2016 the Construction Design Report entitled: “Design Report for Wesmeg Road Culverts Meliadine Gold Project, NU”, including Issued for Construction 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 October 14, 2016.

*AEM stated in their submission that the overall objective of the water management strategy of this project is to develop a practical and feasible site wide water management plan to minimize the potential negative impacts of mining development on the surrounding environment including habitats for fish and wildlife, and to facilitate mine operation and long-term closure and reclamation of the mine site. To attain this objective, culverts are used to control and divert runoff underneath the road.*

The Report was distributed for a ten (10) day public review and comments on October 18, 2016. Comments were received from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) on October 25, 2016. In its comment INAC stated that *INAC is satisfied that the construction plans submitted for installing 2 culverts along the Wesmeg service road at the Meliadine Gold mine are adequate in addressing any environmental concerns at this time.*

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-A1-009, dated November 1, 2016, 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](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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