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**Subject: Final Design and Construction Drawings for B6 West Esker Culverts; 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 March 20, 2017, the Construction Design Report entitled “Design Report and Drawings for Culvert B6 West Esker” (Report) that was dated March 20, 2017, including Engineered for Construction Drawing for the proposed infrastructure as a requirement of Part D, Item 1 of the Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence).

As per Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 numerous berms, channels, ponds and culverts are required to manage the site contact water during pre-production, operation, and interim mine closure phases of mine development. Agnico Eagle stated in its submission that *the area of B6 Esker is accessible from the all-weather gravel road linking the existing exploration camp with Rankin Inlet. The access road to B6 West Esker requires a temporary culvert to allow the passage of runoff through the temporary road.*

On March 20, 2017, the NWB made the Report public for review and comments with a deadline for submissions set at March 30, 2017. The Board did not receive any comments or concerns.

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-A1-003, dated April 24, 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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