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Subject: Operation & Maintenance Manual - Oil Separator System; Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631, Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.

Dear Mr. Chernoloz and Mr. Quesnel:

On August 29, 2017, the Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledged receipt of Operation & Maintenance Manual - Oil Separator System (O&M Manual or Manual) from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Licensee) as a requirement of Part F Item 9 of Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence). The Manual is dated August 2017.

The Manual is a component of the Meliadine Environmental Management System and has the following objectives:

- 1. To define the location, design, operating and maintenance procedures to be used in the treatment of water collected in the Landfarm sump generated by the Meliadine Mine; and*
- 2. To provide monitoring requirements for the Oil Separator System.*

As stated in the Manual the purpose of the Oil Separator System is to treat water collected in the Landfarm sump before discharging it to CP1. The Oil Separator System has a design treatment capacity of approximately 136 m³/day. The system will remove hydrocarbons from the water prior to being released to CP1 producing an effluent having a hydrocarbon concentration as low as 5 ppm. The system will operate every year during mine development from spring freshet to October. The system will be drained and shut down during the winter.

The NWB made the Manual for interested parties' review and comments with a deadline for submissions set at September 29, 2017. On October 3, 2017, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) advised the Board that it has no comments at this time.

By copy of this letter the Board acknowledges that the Operation & Maintenance Manual - Oil Separator System addresses the requirement of Part F Item 9 of Licence 2AM-MEL1631, and has approved the Manual through the Board Motion No. 2017-A1-016, dated October X, 2017. The Licensee is advised that the Manual could be implemented upon Board approval.

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.

Regards,

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