

File No: 2AM-MEL1631

July 15, 2025

Meliadine Distribution List

RE: Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631-Meliadine Gold Mine Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Notice of Modification and Invitation to Comment

On June 27, 2025 and July 10, 2025, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received a Notice of Modification and associated information (the Notice) from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) as required under Part G of type A Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence) indicating that Agnico Eagle plans to conduct the following three activities as modifications:

- Development of a portal in Pump Open Pit 2 (PUMP02) to extend access to deposits within permafrost;
- Associated temporary storage of Pump Underground Waste Rock; and
- Use of mined-out pits to store saline or contact water.

The Board notes that on June 20, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued a conformity determination<sup>1</sup> stating that the *NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determinations were issued (e.g., June 2011, December 22, 2016, January 5, 2018, March 25, 2020, April 1, 2022, January 22, 2024, and January 25, 2024). These conformity determinations still apply.* It was also stated that the project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB):

"The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed modification activities within the approved Meliadine Mine footprint under NIRB Project Certificate No. 006, does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply."

By way of this correspondence, the Board is circulating the Notice of Modification and inviting interested parties to provide comment on the Notice on or before **August 14, 2025.** In addition to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nunavut Planning Commission, Conformity Determination #150864, dated June 20, 2025

providing general comments on the Notice, the Board requests that parties also provide their views on the following:

- Whether the proposed activities meet the conditions applying to modifications as set out in Part G of the Licence:
- Whether the proposed activities are consistent with all other existing terms and conditions of the Licence; and
- Identifying if additional information is required to fully consider the application for modification.

Copies of all documents received in support of the requested Modification can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry using the following Link:

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If you have any questions regarding filings in respect of the Notice, please contact Richard Dwyer, Licensing Manager, at <a href="mailto:richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca">richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca</a> or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 27). For any other inquiries, please contact the undersigned, Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, by e-mail to <a href="mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca">karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca</a>.

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Sincerely,

Director, Technical Services **NUNAVUT WATER BOARD**