

File No.: 2AM-MEL1631

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By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

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Subject: New Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631; Agnico-Eagle Mines

**Limited for the Meliadine Gold Project** 

## Dear Honourable Minister Bennett:

Please find enclosed the Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631, duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or Licensee) for a Mining Undertaking in accordance with the Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. The Licence authorizes AEM to use Water and deposit Waste in support of mine construction, operation, closure and reclamation activities at the Meliadine Gold Project, located approximately 25 kilometres (km) north of Rankin Inlet and 80 km southwest of Chesterfield Inlet, in the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut.

It should be noted that the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) determined the Meliadine Gold Project Proposal to be in conformity with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) on June 8, 2011. On February 26, 2015, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Project Certificate [006] was issued for the Meliadine Gold Project pursuant to Section 12.5.12 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA).

In accordance with Section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision and Licence for your consideration.

Should you have any questions and/or require clarification on the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie Nunavut Water Board, Vice-Chair

Cc: Kivalliq Distribution List

Enclosures: Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631

Reasons for Decision Including Record of Proceedings