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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 2AM-MEL1631

October 25, 2024

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP
Minister of Northern Affairs
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Subject: Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

Please find attached a copy the Amended type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited for a Mining undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of Water and deposit of Waste at Meliadine Gold Project.

In its decision to issue the Licence and consistent with the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, the Board considered the outcome of its review process as well as the determinations made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to the undertaking.

The NPC in its January 25, 2024 correspondence¹ confirmed that the activities proposed with this Amendment Application did not constitute a significant modification to the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities and the NPC's previous conformity determinations dated June 8, 2011, December 22, 2016, January 5, 2018, March 25, 2020, April 1, 2022 and January 22, 2024 still apply, and that the Application is exempt from further screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the Application did not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities already assessed by NIRB.

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Amended Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of Amended Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board, Chair
LT/as/rqd

Enclosure: **Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631**
 Reasons for Decision

cc. Meliadine Distribution List

¹ Correspondence dated January 25, 2024 from G. Djalogue, Nunavut Planning Commission to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: NPC File # 150252 [Meliadine Mine Water Licence Amendment]