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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 2AM-MEL1631

May 13, 2021

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP
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Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 – Meliadine Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Amendment No. 2

Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

Please find attached a copy of Amendment No. 2 to Type “A” Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 (Amended Licence or Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) for a Mining Undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of water and disposal of waste at the 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 August 20, 2020 correspondence¹ confirmed that the activities

¹ Correspondence from Peter Scholz (NPC) to Richard Dwyer (NWB) and others, RE: NPC File #149399 [Meliadine Mine Water Licence Amendment], dated August 20, 2020.

associated with the project proposal had been previously reviewed by the NPC and the NPC's previous conformity determination dated June 8, 2011 still applies. Additionally, the NPC has concluded that the activities associated with the Application were within the scope of the Project proposal previously assessed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No: 11MN034) and therefore this Project proposal was exempt from requiring further assessment by the NIRB.

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 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/sk/rqd

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

cc. Meliadine Distribution List