



### **CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY REPORT**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SNC-Lavalin Stavibel Inc. was retained by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited to prepare a construction summary (as built) report for the fresh water intake for the Whale Tail Project, Nunavut. SNC Lavalin Stavibel Inc. previously prepared the construction drawings and specifications for the fresh water intake.

SNC Lavalin Stavibel Inc. was not involved in the construction of the fresh water intake. The information presented in this report was provided by Agnico Eagle.

The construction of the fresh water intake was completed in October 2018. The construction monitoring and quality assurance was managed by AEM.

This report summarizes the construction as-built information for the fresh water intake.



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#### 1. Introduction

This document presents the construction summary report of the fresh water intake pumping station required by the Water License 2AM-WTP1826 Part D Item 15. As required by Water License Schedule D, this report contains the final design and construction drawings, a summary of construction activities including photographic recorded during and after construction. The as-built drawings, detailed explanation of field decision to reflect any deviations from the original construction drawings/plans and how such deviations may affect performance of engineered structures, a discussion of the mitigation measures implemented during construction and its effectiveness are also presented. There was no blast or water use for the dust emission during the construction of the freshwater water intake.

#### 2. Construction summary

#### 2.1 Site location plan

Agnico Eagle is developing the Whale Tail Project in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut (65°24'25"N, 96°41'50"W). The 99,878-hectare Amaruq property is located on Inuit-owned and Federal Crown Land, approximately 55 km north of the Meadowbank mine. The Meadowbank mine is accessible from Baker Lake, located 70 kilometers to the south.



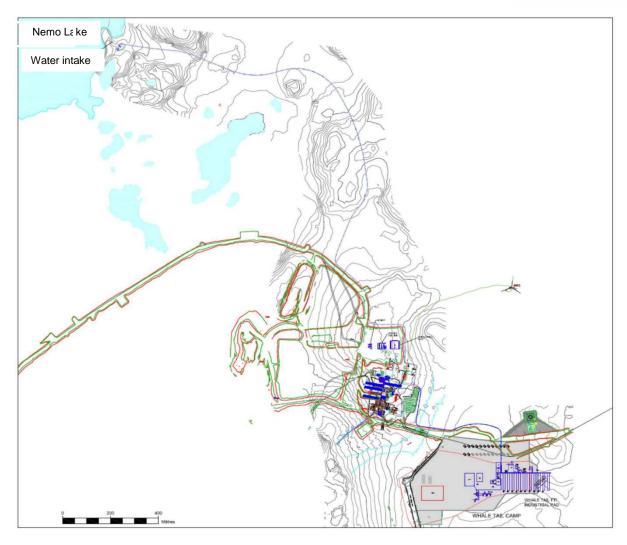


Figure 1 Fresh water intake localization

#### 2.2 Pumping station

All mechanical and electrical pumping station equipment are housed in a heated and insulated enclosure. Electrical equipment (e.g. control panel, junction boxes, VFD/soft starters, etc.) are separated from the mechanical equipment (e.g. pumps, isolation valves, piping, piping accessories, etc.) by a wall and each room have its own access door. The enclosure has been constructed following the site information and design coefficients (temperature, wind load, snow load, etc.) from the Agnico Eagle general guidelines to resist to the Nunavut climatic conditions. The enclosure is installed on a leveled coarse compacted gravel surface. All surfaces are painted in accordance with Agnico Eagle requirements to ensure corrosion resistance over the years of operation.



#### 2.3 Suction Pipeline

The suction line sections were assembled on the shore, with the fish strainer and ballasts. The fish strainer was redesigned to respect DFO's Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline. Screen opening was changed from 13 mm to a screen with a mesh size opening of 2,54 mm. It was deployed on the lake ice. Once the suction line was located correctly, the suction was flooded by cutting ice underneath, to sink into its place.

#### 2.4 Ground Pipeline

The above-ground pipeline lie directly on the tundra along the access road to the Pumping Station. The sharp stones were removed before the pipeline installation to reduce the risks of tears and premature wear. Since the pipeline is water tight, no hazards or disturbances are expected after installation. After the complete installation, a hydrostatic test was performed to confirm the water tightness of the pipeline.

#### 2.5 Drawings and photographs

All final design and construction drawings are available in the appendix A, as-built drawings are in appendix B, construction pictures are available in appendix C.

#### 3. Field decisions

#### 3.1 Pumping station

The construction work led to no variations from the original design in the pumping station.

#### 3.2 Suction pipeline

The water suction location has been moved 100 meters north-west to have it in appropriate water depth. To do so, the construction team reviewed the pipe line layout from the pumping station to the lake bed. The new layout can be reviewed in appendix B.

#### 3.3 Ground Pipeline

The pipeline position regarding the access road to the fresh water intake was changed. The line is installed on the west side of the road instead of the east side as it was specified in the original construction drawing. This modification was made because all the vehicles pull out bays along the access road are built on the east side. By placing the pipe line on the west side, access to the line is eased. Again, the final layout can be reviewed in appendix B. Those two decision will not affect the fresh water pump station nor cause any other risk to the environment than the original design.



#### 4. Mitigation Measures

To protect the lake and limit machinery circulation within 31 meters from the shore, Agnico Eagle Mine elected to install the intake pipe line on ice with a telehandler, instead of with a boat and a helicopter. Using that telehandler on the pump station gravel pad, the telescoping boom was used to push the pipeline on it pipe supports and on the ice. Once the fish screen was over the prescribe water depth, ice was cut from underneath the pipe line so that the line could sink, helped with ballast. Picture of this operation can be found in appendix C.

#### 5. Construction Monitoring and Inspection Test Plan

During the commissioning phase, the pipeline from the pumping station to the construction camp has been tested for leaks. The line was filed with water then capped and put under pressure for 5 hours. Results are shown in Table 1: Pipeline leak test pressure record.

Table 1: Pipeline leak test pressure record

Time	Water pressure (kPa)
19:08	390
21:00	700
22:00	700
23 :00	690
23:58	680

The results shown in table1 are within the acceptance limits for the pipeline. The pressure drop recorded on the 5 hours is less than 3% and confirms that no leaks are present on the line. This variation can be attributed in part to HDPE pipe expansion, in part to ambient temperature change during the test period and in part to the fact that closing the pipe line at the camp end was a butterfly valve, which are known to leak in such use.

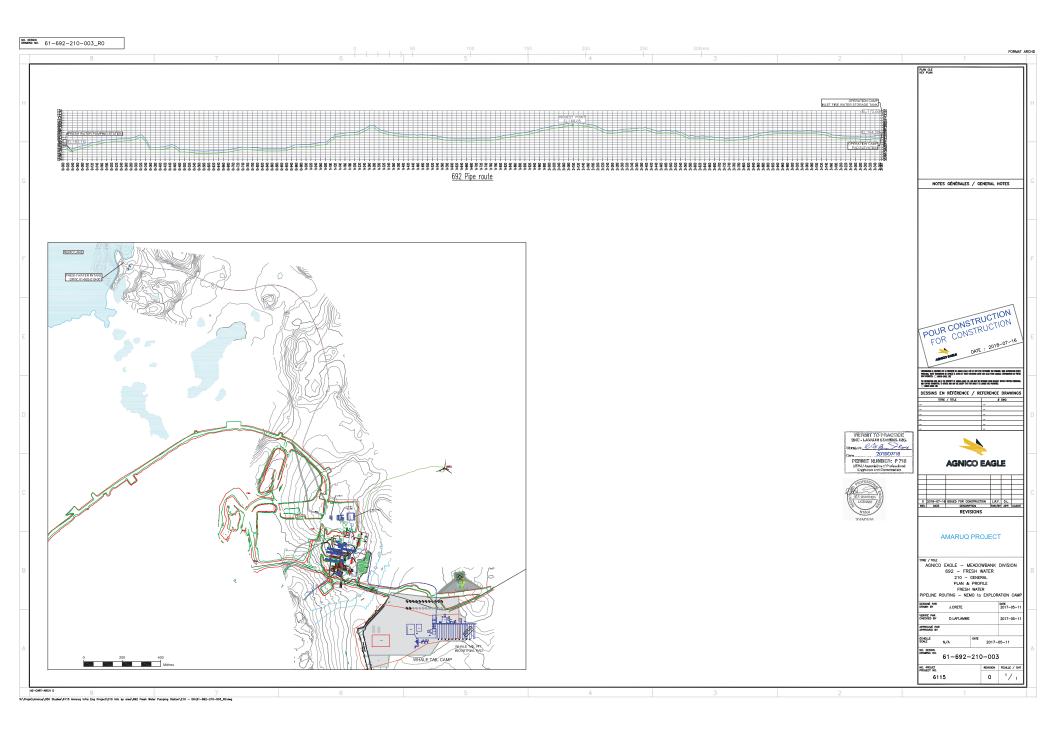
#### 6. Closure

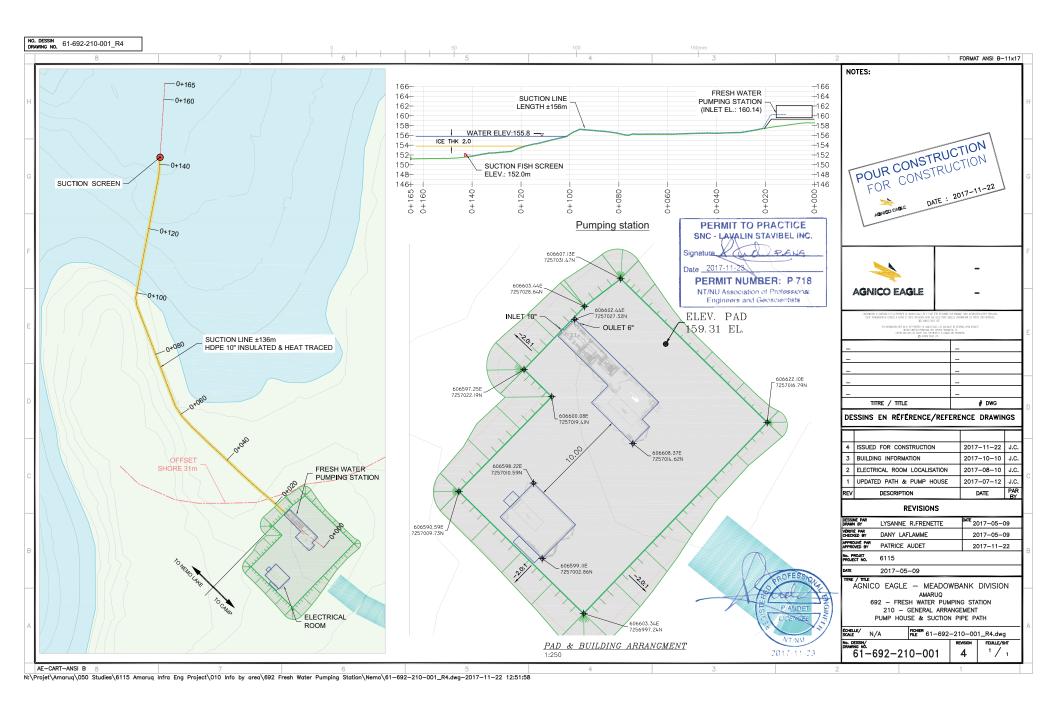
The construction summary report of the fresh water intake pumping station presented in this document was done in regard to Water License 2AM-WTP1826 Part D Item 15. Trough review of site location, final plan, and the review of field decision took during construction, mitigation results and the pipeline test, requirements are fulfilled. The following appendices are there to support the summary.

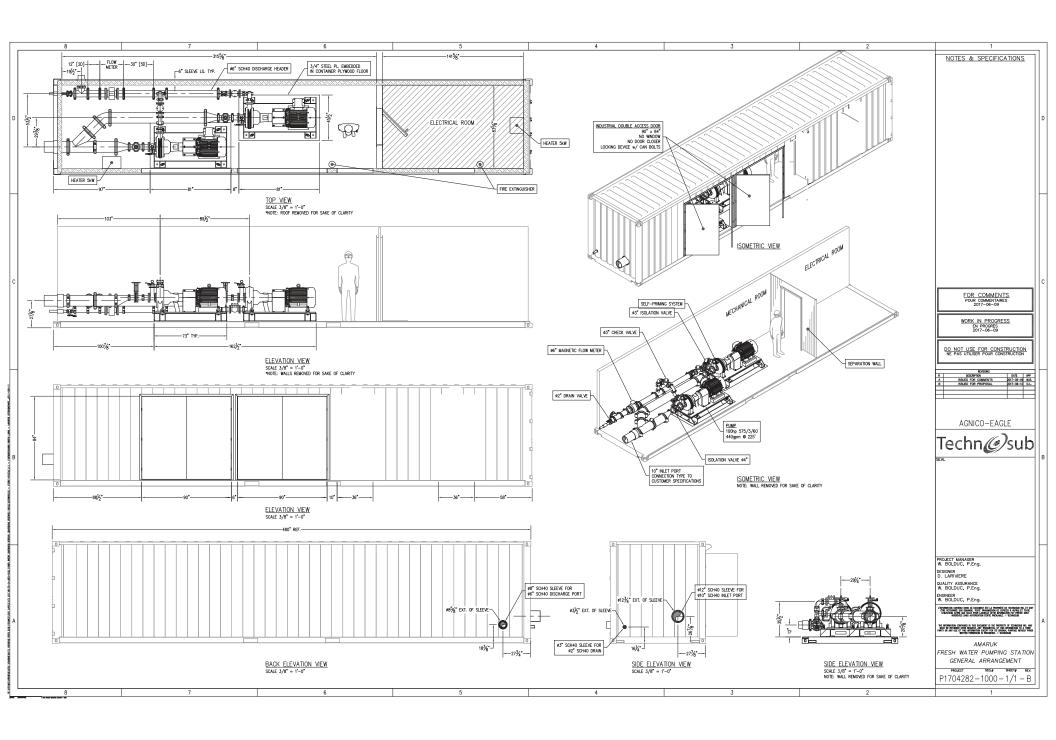
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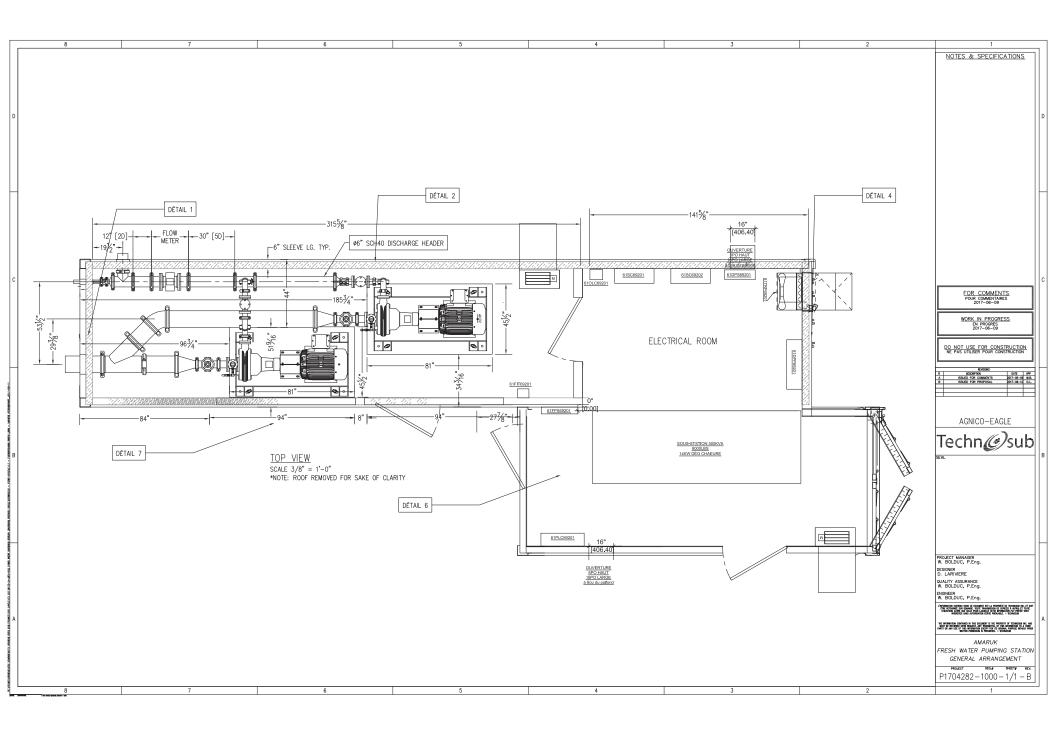
Final design construction drawings of the fresh water intake

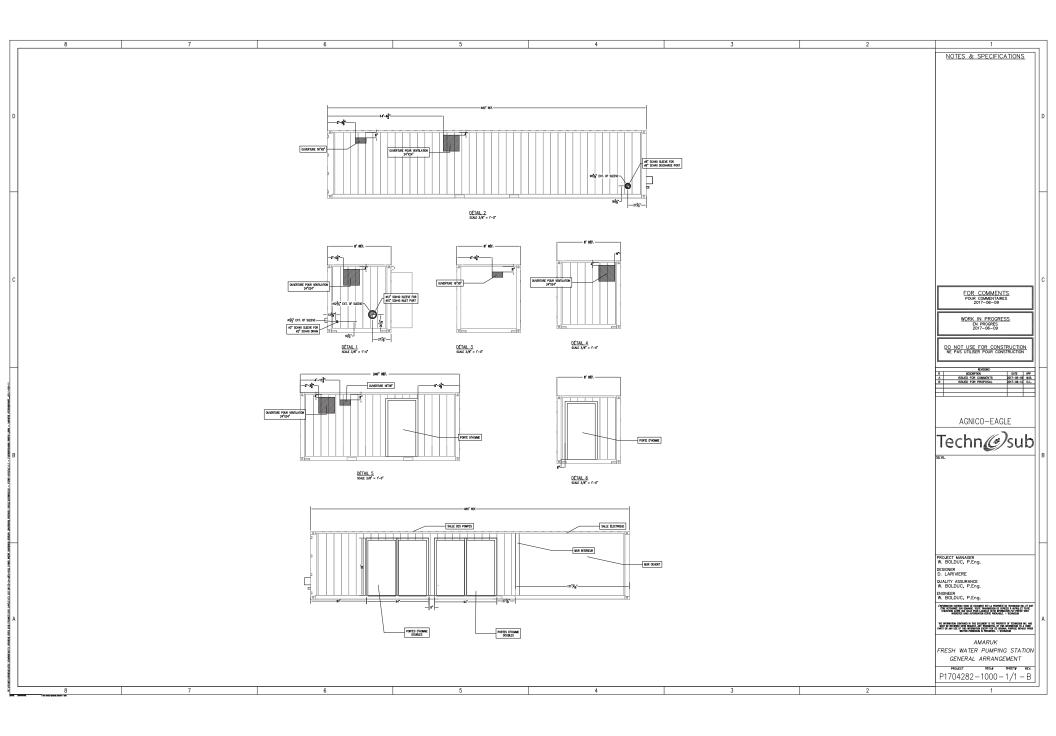


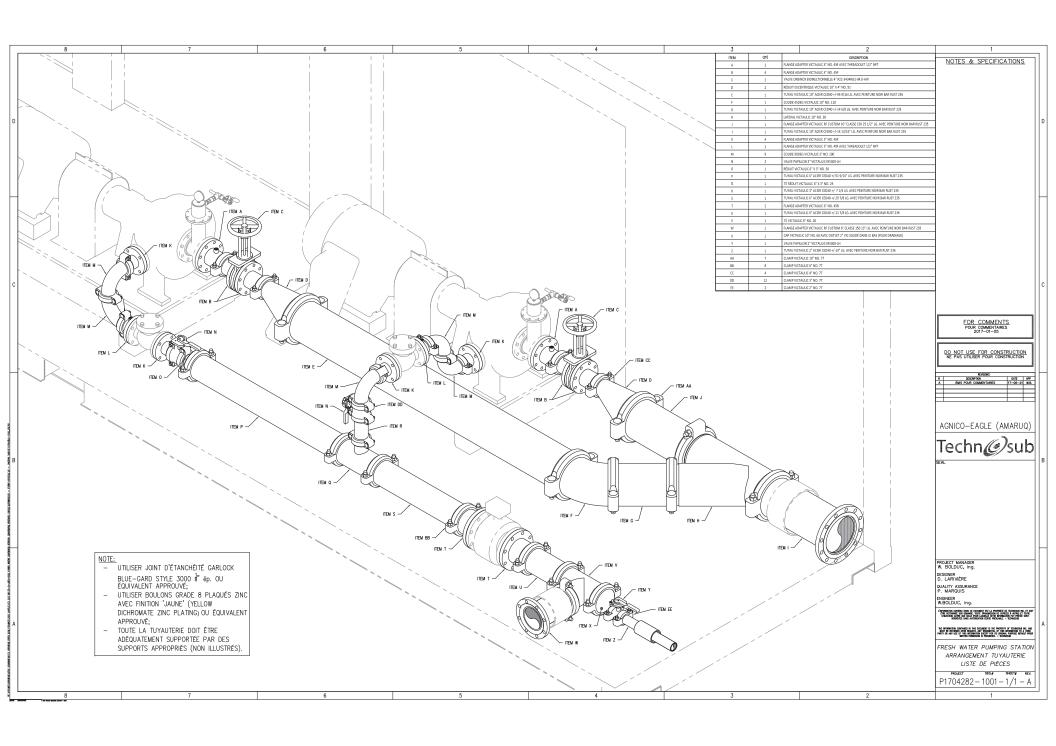


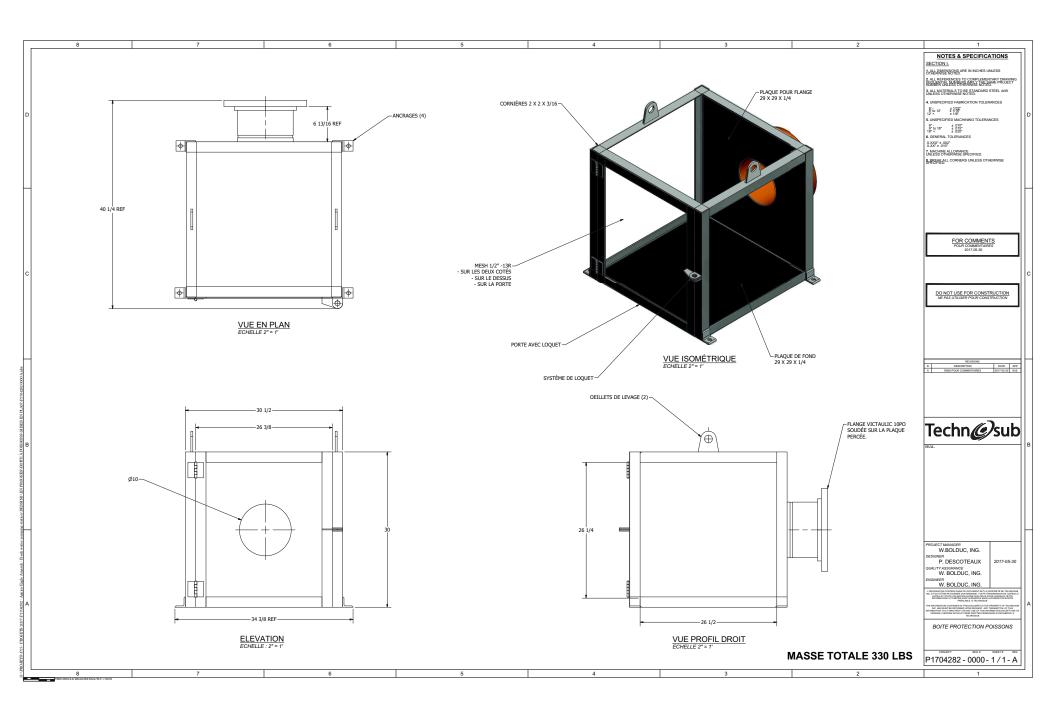


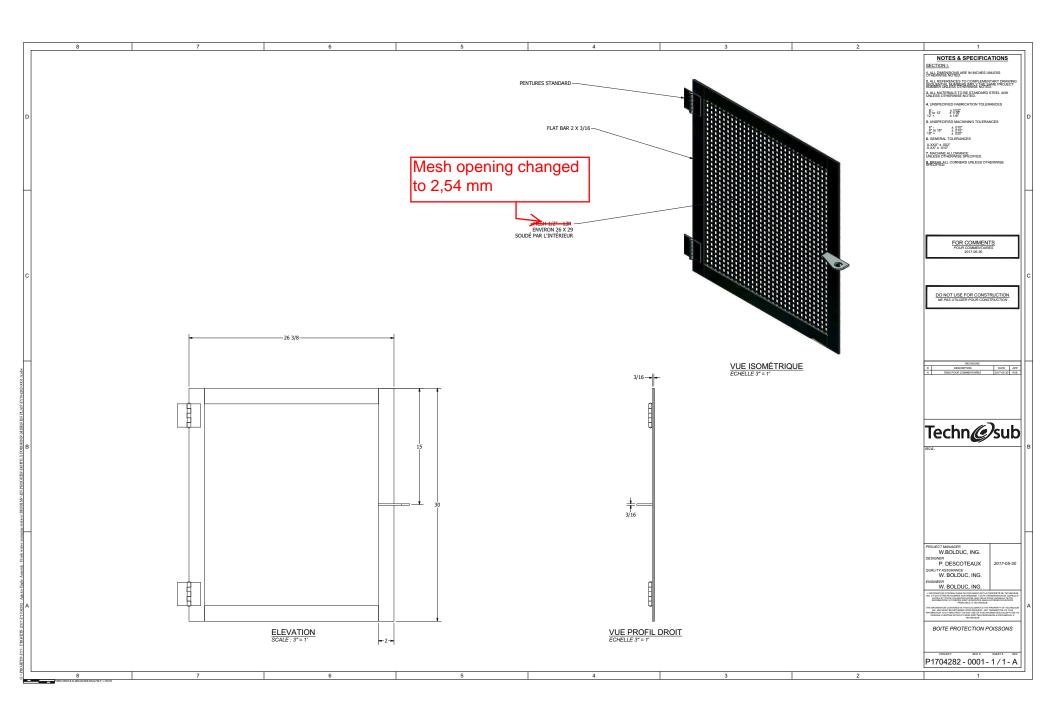










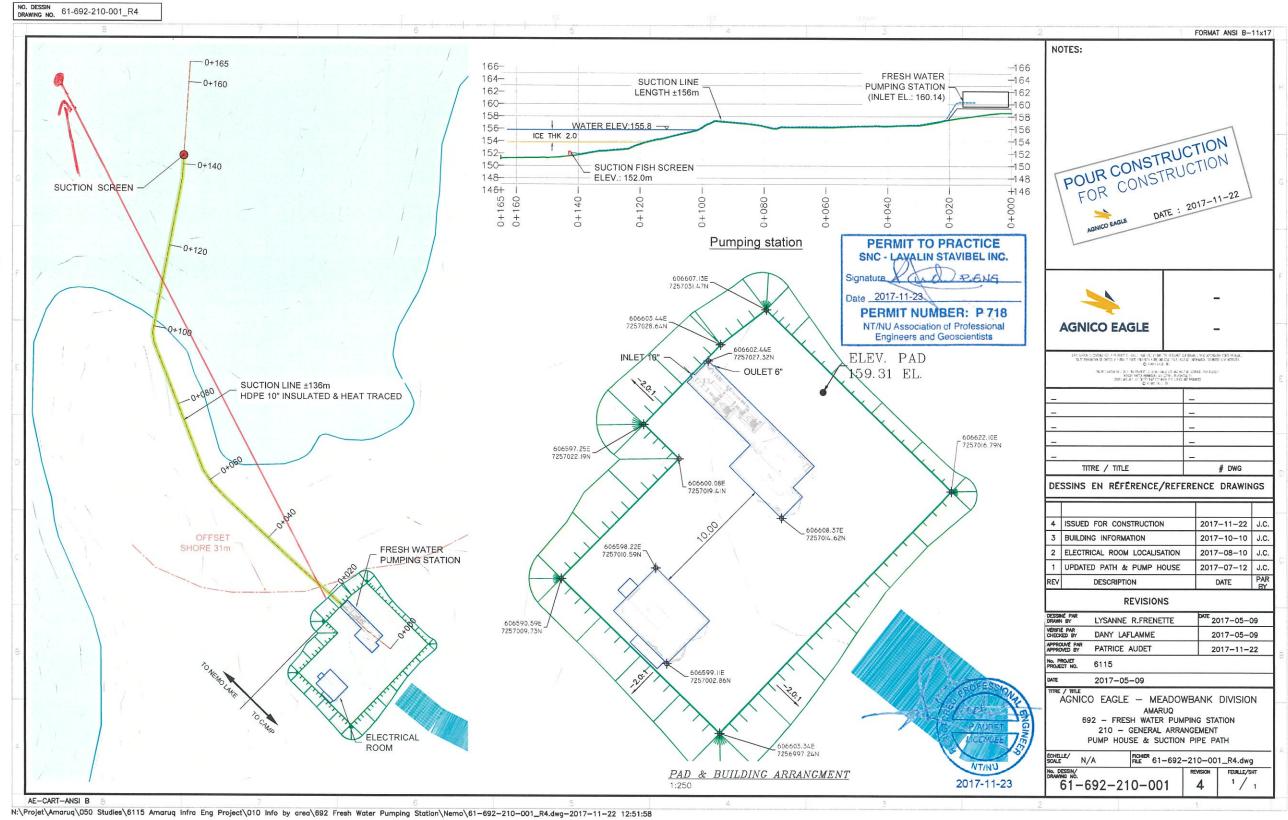


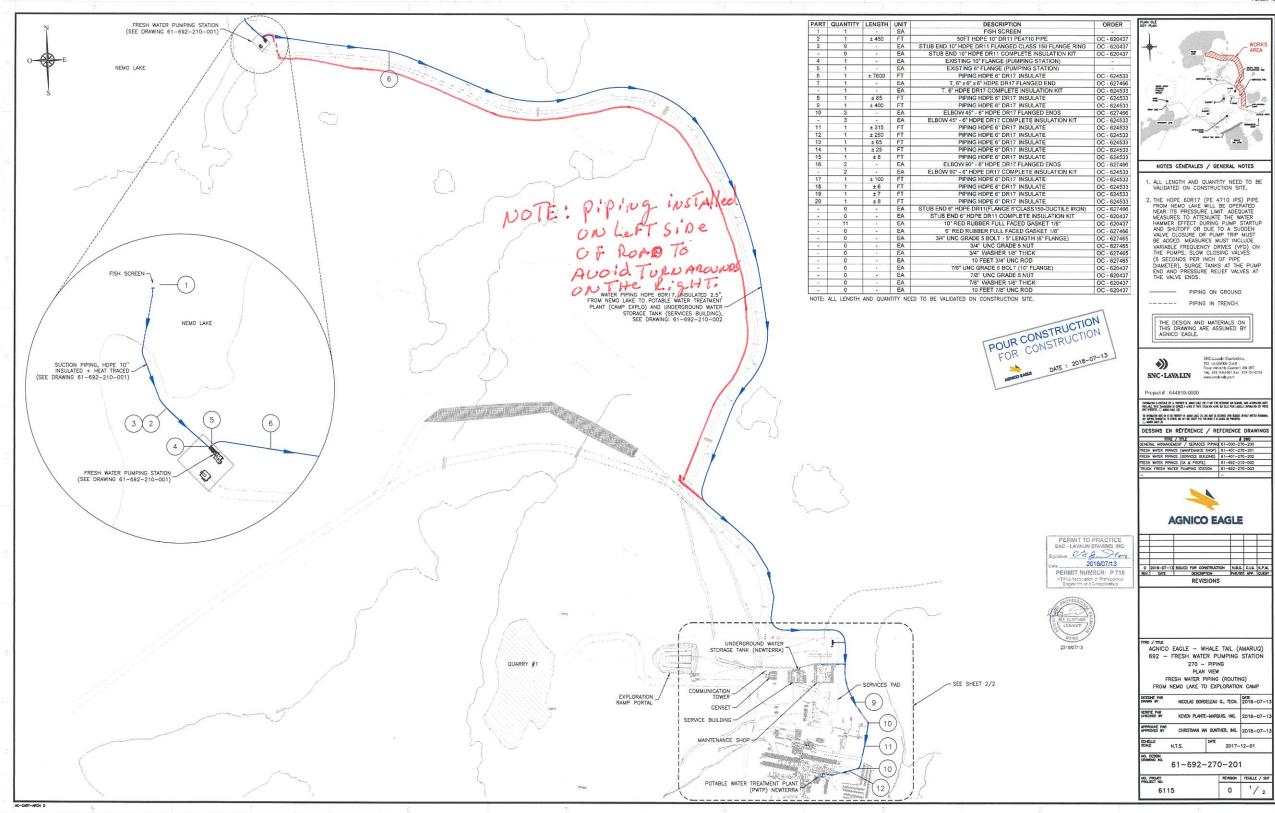
## Appendix B

Appendix B As-built drawings of the fresh water intake



NOTE: SUCTION LINE ± 200m TO BE ABLE TO REACH NEEDED DEAPH





# Appendix C

Appendix C Pictures fresh water intake





Picture 1 Pumping station installation



Picture 2 Pump section of pumping station



Picture 3 Electrical substation after construction



Picture 4 Pumping station after construction



Picture 5 Telehandler pushing pipe with boom



Picture 6 suction line with ballast on lake ice



Picture 7 Suction line localization



Picture 8 Suction line sinking



Picture 9 Final suction line installation

# Appendix D

Inspection Test Plan





Picture 10 Pipeline pressurization



Picture 11 Pressure readout at 21:00



Picture 12 Pressure readout at 22:00



Picture 13 Pressure readout at 23:00



Picture 14 Pressure readout at 23:58