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Subject: Application Acknowledgement for the Meliadine Gold Project

Dear Mr. Frenette:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt on August 20, 2015 of your amendment water licence application, for the Meliadine Gold Project. Please refer to this number on future submissions. Application documents received are as follows:

NWB File No: 2BB-MEL1424

- Amendment No. 7 Water Licence Application
- Cover Letter for Amendment Application
- Figure 1 Land Tenure March 2012
- Figure 2 Water Sampling Map
- Figure 3 from MGP Waste Rock Management Plan Aug 2010
- Figure 4 Waterbodies Oct 2010
- Figure 5 Road Network with Quarries Drainages Nov 2012
- Part 1 to 3 Bionest Operators Manual NU P14 1028
- Water Licence Supplementary Questionnaire
- English and Inuktitut Summary

Please be advised that under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project governed by NuPPAA is also required to submit a project proposal document (which may include the water licence application) directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for the NPC's determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or directions regarding whether the project is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In particular, please note that as established under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the NLCA, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, until the project has completed the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence.

The NWB confirms receipt of NPC conformity under NuPPAA on September 21, 2015, as determined by NPC the application is exempt from screening by NIRB. This application is now ready for review and comments. Deadline for submissions is on or before <u>October 21, 2015</u> (5:00 p.m. MST).

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email to <u>licensing@nwb-oen.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robin Ikkutisluk Licensing Administrator

Cc: Karen Kharatyan

NPC NIRB