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Subject:	RE: 111025 2BB-MEL0914 Amendment 4 Distribution Review
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Hi Phyllis and Larry –

Thanks Larry for the clarification provided in the email sent earlier today. I wish to further confirm that from the NIRB's perspective, the authorization as applied for with the NWB (2BB-MEL0914) is for an increase to the storage capacity at Meliadine site as indicated in the covering letter dated October 5, 2011. While AEM may plan to swap out fuel bladders for Envirotanks, the proposed increase in fuel storage is contained within the application to the NWB, and as such, the NWB application is being considered in support of AEM's current proposal for works to be excepted from the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine project pursuant to NLCA 12.10.2.

The NIRB does not consider the NWB application to be a standalone proposal to swap out bladders for Envirotanks, but rather considers it to be a part of AEM's 12.10.2 application currently before our Board, namely where the increase in fuel storage is in support of one of the alternatives currently being assessed. For this reason, the NIRB is unable to provide a response to the NWB's original query until a determination is made with respect to AEM's 12.10.2 application for the Phase 1 road development.

For the information of AEM and the NWB, it is the intention of NIRB staff to present AEM's NLCA 12.10.2 application to members of our Board at its next regular meeting to be held February 16th. We anticipate the Board issuing its decision report on the matter shortly thereafter.

Please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Ryan with any questions related to this application or the Board's consideration of works pursuant to NLCA 12.10.2.

Best,

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Amanda & Phyllis:

While Amanda's assessment is correct there is a major factor that you are not considering:

- AEM's Plan A was and still is to construct the Phase 1 all-weather road between Rankin Inlet and the Meliadine exploration site in 2012 to allow for the year round re-supply of the Meliadine exploration camp with its ongoing fuel requirements by trucking fuel from Rankin to the project site on the new road. This of course is predicated on 1) receiving exemption for the Phase 1 road from NIRB; 2) receiving the Water License from the NWB, the Navigable Water Approval from TC for the Meliadine Bridge, the land use permits from KIA, AANDC and GN-CGS in time to build the road in 2012. The critical path on completing construction in 2012 is dictated by: a) being able to install the bridge decks at the Meliadine River and KM 5.0 stream crossing before the loss of ice strength at these two crossings, and b) being able to lay the full road base down on top of the frozen ground before the first migratory birds arrive. The key start date to enable all of this to occur in 2012 is approximately March 01, 2012.

- AEM's Plan B (in case the road cannot be built in 2012) was and still is to expand its fuel tank storage capacity at the Meliadine exploration camp to allow more fuel to be brought into the camp by winter road before the end of the 2012 winter road season. To facilitate this Plan B AEM purchased and shipped 8 new Envirotanks (each 100,000 litre capacity) and 8 new bladders (each 113,000 litre capacity) to Rankin Inlet on the 2011 summer sealift. Combined these new tanks would allow AEM to expand fuel storage capacity at Meliadine by approximately 1.7 million litres.

If the Phase 1 road can be constructed in 2012 as per Plan A then our need to expand fuel storage capacity on site is not as critical. However it would still be AEM's preference to have authorization from NIRB, NWB and KIA as soon as possible to allow us to install and put into use before the end of this this winter road season (sometime in March 2012) the 8 new Envirotanks that we shipped to Rankin Inlet this past summer. As you know we currently have a mix of rigid Envirotanks and fuel bladders at Meliadine for fuel storage. It would be our preference to use rigid tanks in place of bladders as we believe that there is less risk from operator error when using Envirotanks. So we would like to install and press into use the 8 new Envirotanks now, allowing us to hold the bladders in reserve in the event that we need to implement Plan B. We believe that from an environmental risk management perspective we would be better served using the 8 new Envirotanks, allowing us to hold the bladders in reserve for Plan B.

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Dear Phyllis:

In response to the email below, please be advised that at this time, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is unable to provide the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with an indication as to whether or not Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) application for an amendment to the NWB water license (2BB-MEL0914) in support of expanded fuel storage for the Meliadine project will require additional screening.

As the NWB is aware, the NIRB is currently considering AEM's request for an all-weather road to be excepted from the Board's Review of the Meliadine project pursuant to section 12.10.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The NIRB understands that AEM has put forth the current application as a contingency in the event that its application for an all-weather road to be excepted from the Board's Review is not approved.

The NIRB notes that it is unusual for a project proponent to submit applications for authorizing agencies for components not related to the preferred option for development. Until such time as AEM provides the Board with formal notification that the proposed expansion of its fuel storage has become its preferred option moving forth with the Meliadine project (in place of the proposed all-weather road from Rankin Inlet to Meliadine), the NIRB will not be in a position to confirm that the activity has been adequately assessed.

Should you have any further questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine project, please contact Kelli Gillard at (867) 983-4619.

Best regards,

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Please see attached letters and notices for the above application, which requires review and comments. All documents received are on the ftp site at the following link (username *public* and password *registry*.)
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Note that the deadline for comments is November 25, 2011. Those organizations with bulletin boards, and identified on the attached letter to Local Organizations, are respectfully requested to print off and post the attached notices for a period of 30 days, on our behalf.

The application documents submitted contained a 2007 NIRB Screening Report and a 2009 NPC conformity. Due to the nature of this file, the Nunavut Water Board is respectfully requesting written confirmation from NIRB that no further screening is required as well as from NPC confirming that no further conformity is required.

Regards,

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