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**Re: 2BB-MEL0914 – Amendment Application - For The Re-Allocation of  
Water - Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.**

Please be advised that the Water Resources Division of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada have completed a review of the above-referenced amendment application that was submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) circulated this application to interested parties for comments on June 1, 2012. All documents related to this application posted on the NWB ftp site were included in my review (see attached Technical Review Memo).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact myself by telephone at (867) 975-4282 or by email at [Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Ian Parsons  
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## **Technical Review Memorandum**

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From: Ian Parsons – Regional Coordinator, AANDC

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### **Background**

The Meliadine Property is currently owned by Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd (AEM). It is a Gold Deposit in the advanced exploration phase which Agnico-Eagle hopes to develop into an operating mine. The site is located 25 Km North of Rankin Inlet. Currently an All Weather Access Road (AWAR) is under construction from the Municipality of Rankin Inlet to the mine site. The AWAR will allow for the transportation of large volumes of fuel to the project area in support of on-going advanced exploration activities. Fuel required by project activities is currently being transported by helicopter from Rankin Inlet.

The Meliadine Property currently has facilities to operate an advanced exploration mine site including facilities to accommodate 150-250 personnel. Some of these facilities include accommodation, office, kitchen, core shack, helicopter pad area, sewage treatment, maintenance and dry facilities.

### **Recommendations/Comments**

#### **Application**

AANDC has no issue with this amendment; however AANDC does have a couple of short comments

AANDC notes that although this amendment does not change the nature of the project, AANDC still recommends that all relevant leases, permits, conformity checks and screenings as well as any other authorizations are in place and proper approvals received before any work commences. AANDC notes that the appropriate approvals from the Nunavut Planning Commission and Nunavut Impact Review Board (Question 7 and 8 in the application were answered **No**, however there was no confirmation attached, this is part of the application and as



such should be received before approval of amendment is granted) were not received or available prior to Agnico-Eagle submitting their renewal application.

AANDC notes that even though this is an amendment to re-allocate water usage AANDC recommends that the waste management, monitoring, spill contingency and abandonment and restoration plans all be updated to reflect the associated changes at the mine site (i.e., camp size, a second biodisk reactor, etc).

AANDC also recommends that AEM follow the approved monitoring plan, monitoring water usage as per the adjusted water allowances, if amendment is approved and submitting its required monthly monitoring reports as well as including all water monitoring in its annual report.

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