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Attached please find the plan for the scheduled helicopter lift of diesel and aviation fuel to the Meliadine site beginning the last week of July and continuing for about three weeks thereafter. While fuel needs for other site activities have increased, that for the underground program remains unchanged from the 2010 application. Although Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) was able to bring some 2.5 million litres of fuel to site over this year's winter road, this quantity is not enough to sustain all the planned activities for 2011. A total of approximately 1 million litres of diesel and 150,000 litres of Jet B will be flown to site. Fuel use by the Sikorsky helicopter to transport the fuel will be 91,000 litres.

The fuel lift is necessary to allow programs to continue for the time being. The programs include the underground program, environmental data collection in support of the EIS, condemnation drilling for the purposes of locating proposed mine infrastructure, exploration drilling, drilling to convert probable to proven reserves required for the feasibility study, camp operations, and transportation. Some of these programs will be shut down before year-end and start up again following delivery of fuel over the winter road.

The use of a helicopter to transport fuel is far from ideal. First and foremost are the increased safety concerns with the approximate 288 helicopter flights each carrying about 4320 litres. Environmental considerations include possible wildlife disturbance and noise along the flight path.

Should you have any questions or concerns with the helicopter lift of fuel, please do not hesitate in calling me at 819 277 5444 or jwitterman@agnico-eagle.com

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