

## MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT

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# 1. The Licensee shall maintain Monitoring Stations at the following locations:

Table 1: Monitoring stations

| Monitoring<br>Program Station<br>Number | Description   |
|---|---|
| MEL-1                                   | Raw water supply intake at Meliadine Lake   |
| MEL-2                                   | Raw water supply intake at Pump Lake  |
| MEL-3                                   | Immediately downstream of old grey water sump prior to effluent entering wetland area, when flow is observed              |
| MEL-3a                                  | Immediately downstream of upgraded sump prior to the effluent entering upgraded wetland area, when flow is observed       |
| MEL-4                                   | At a point immediately upstream of<br>the discharge from the wetland<br>area / upgraded wetland area to<br>Meliadine Lake |
| MEL-5                                   | Point of discharge for the Bermed fuel containment facilities   |
| MEL-6                                   | Point of discharge for the contaminated soil storage  |
| MEL-7                                   | Final effluent discharge from the BIODISK treatment system  |
| MEL-8                                   | Point of discharge or runoff from the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill  |

2. The Licensee shall measure and record, in cubic metres, the daily quantities of water utilized for camp, drilling and other purposes from all sources.

The consumption of fresh water for the site was <u>42.8m3/day</u> for the month of July 2013; 23.4m³/day for the drills and 19.4m³/day for the camp. During July, the majority of the drills were on the East property, so they were under the licence 2BE-MEP0813.

- 3. The Licensee shall provide the GPS co-ordinates of all locations where sources of water are utilized for all purposes. In UTM nad 1983 zone 15.
- Camp water source: East 541943.0; North 6989174.0
- Drilling water sources: East 539828.0; North 6987308.6 East 539806.2; North 6988681.1
- 4. Licensee shall sample at Monitoring Program Station MEL-3, MEL-3a, MEL-4 and MEL-7, monthly during Sewage treatment, effluent discharge and during periods of flow at the point of entry into Meliadine Lake. Samples shall be analyzed for the following parameters:

Biochemical Oxygen Demand – BOD5 Total Suspended Solids Oil and Grease (and visual) Fecal Coliforms pH

### MEL-4

| IVIEL-4   |                              |                                |                                 |                                |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample Mel 4  |                              |                                | Date                            |                                |
|   |                              | 24/06/2013                     | 23/07/2013                      | 29/07/2013                     |
| Field Measurments   |                              |                                |                                 |                                |
| Water Temperature   | oC                           | 5.8                            | 15.2                            |                                |
| pH  | pH units                     | 7.81                           | 8.38                            |                                |
| Conductivity  | (μS/cm)                      | 0.02                           | 0.03 mS                         |                                |
| Laboratory-Measured   |                              |                                |                                 |                                |
| Fecal Coliforms   | MPN/100mL                    | <3                             | 380                             | <3                             |
| Total Coliforms   | mg/L                         | <3                             | 380                             | 23                             |
| E. Coli   | mg/L                         | <3                             | 140                             | <3                             |
| Total Oil and Grease  | mg/L                         | <1.0                           | -                               | -                              |
| Ion balance Biochemical Oxygen Demand                         | %<br>mg/L                    | Low EC<br><6.0                 | Low EC<br><6.0                  | Low EC<br><6.0                 |
| Ammonia as N  | mg/L                         | 0.012                          | 0.37                            | <0.010                         |
| Mercury (Hg)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.000020                       | <0.00020                       |
| Phosphorus (P)-Total  | mg/L                         | 0.024                          | 0.33                            | 0.041                          |
| Phosphorus (P)-Total Reactive                                 | mg/L                         | 0.004                          | 0.27                            | < 0.010                        |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen                                       | mg/L                         | <0.20                          | 0.72                            | 0.21                           |
| Total Suspended Solids  | mg/L                         | <5.0                           | 5                               | 5                              |
| Phosphorus (P)-Total  | mg/L                         | 0.024                          | 0.33                            | 0.041                          |
| Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO3)                                  | mg/L                         | 13.9                           | 22                              | 16.5                           |
| Bicarbonate (HCO3)  | mg/L                         | 17                             | 27                              | 20.2                           |
| Carbonate (CO3)   | mg/L                         | <0.60                          | <12                             | <0.60                          |
| Hydroxide (OH)  | mg/L                         | <0.34                          | <6.8                            | <0.34                          |
| Calcium (Ca)-Dissolved Magnesium (Mg)-Dissolved               | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | 5.12<br>0.88                   | 6.78<br>1.1                     | 6.56<br>1.09                   |
| Potassium (K)-Dissolved                                       | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | 0.88                           | 1.1                             | 0.843                          |
| Sodium (Na)-Dissolved   | mg/L                         | 3.7                            | 5.54                            | 4.3                            |
| Chloride  | mg/L                         | 6.81                           | 9.14                            | 7.66                           |
| Conductivity  | umhos/cm                     | 59                             | 84                              | 67                             |
| Fluoride  | mg/L                         | <0.10                          | <0.10                           | <0.10                          |
| Hardness (as CaCO3)   | mg/L                         | 16.8                           | 22.2                            | 18.8                           |
| Nitrate-N   | mg/L                         | <0.050                         | 0.067                           | <0.050                         |
| Nitrate and Nitrite as N                                      | mg/L                         | < 0.071                        | <0.071                          | <0.071                         |
| Nitrite-N   | mg/L                         | <0.050                         | <0.050                          | <0.050                         |
| Sulfate   | mg/L                         | 2.9                            | 3.63                            | 3.15                           |
| TDS (Calculated)  | mg/L                         | 34                             | 55                              | 43.8                           |
| Aluminum (AI)-Total Antimony (Sb)-Total                       | mg/L                         | 0.0098<br><0.00020             | 0.0188<br><0.00020              | 0.0252<br><0.00020             |
| Arsenic (As)-Total  | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | 0.00020                        | 0.00108                         | 0.00064                        |
| Barium (Ba)-Total   | mg/L                         | 0.00656                        | 0.00752                         | 0.00634                        |
| Beryllium (Be)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Bismuth (Bi)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Boron (B)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.010                         | <0.010                          | < 0.010                        |
| Cadmium (Cd)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.000010                      | <0.000010                       | <0.000010                      |
| Calcium (Ca)-Total  | mg/L                         | 5.16                           | 6.95                            | 5.93                           |
| Cesium (Cs)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00010                       | <0.00010                        | <0.00010                       |
| Chromium (Cr)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.0010                        | <0.0010                         | <0.0010                        |
| Cobalt (Co)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Copper (Cu)-Total   | mg/L                         | 0.00085<br><0.10               | 0.00112<br><0.10                | 0.00102<br><0.10               |
| Iron (Fe)-Total<br>Lead (Pb)-Total                            | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | <0.10                          | 0.000137                        | <0.00090                       |
| Lithium (Li)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.000090                      | <0.0020                         | <0.0020                        |
| Magnesium (Mg)-Total  | mg/L                         | 0.942                          | 1.17                            | 0.964                          |
| Manganese (Mn)-Total  | mg/L                         | 0.0154                         | 0.0141                          | 0.00657                        |
| Molybdenum (Mo)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Nickel (Ni)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.0020                        | <0.0020                         | <0.0020                        |
| Phosphorus (P)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.10                          | 0.31                            | <0.10                          |
| Potassium (K)-Total   | mg/L                         | 0.726                          | 1.51                            | 0.794                          |
| Rubidium (Rb)-Total   | mg/L                         | 0.00116                        | 0.00183                         | 0.00109                        |
| Selenium (Se)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.0010                        | <0.0010                         | <0.0010                        |
| Silicon (Si)-Total<br>Silver (Ag)-Total                       | mg/L<br>mg/l                 | 0.272<br><0.00010              | 0.36<br><0.00010                | 0.285<br><0.00010              |
| Sodium (Na)-Total   | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | 4.09                           | 5.81                            | 3.97                           |
| Strontium (Sr)-Total  | mg/L                         | 0.0243                         | 0.0338                          | 0.0291                         |
| Tellurium (Te)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Thallium (TI)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00010                       | <0.00010                        | <0.00010                       |
| Thorium (Th)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00010                       | <0.00010                        | <0.00010                       |
| Tin (Sn)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Titanium (Ti)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00050                       | 0.00064                         | 0.00085                        |
| Tungsten (W)-Total  | mg/L                         | <0.00010                       | <0.00010                        | <0.00010                       |
| Ottomortioner (CO) Tarket                                     |                              |                                | < 0.00010                       | < 0.00010                      |
| Uranium (U)-Total   | mg/L                         | <0.00010                       |                                 |                                |
| Vanadium (V)-Total  | mg/L<br>mg/L                 | <0.00020                       | <0.00020                        | <0.00020                       |
| Vanadium (V)-Total<br>Zinc (Zn)-Total                         | mg/L<br>mg/L<br>mg/L         | <0.00020<br>0.0022             | <0.00020<br><0.0020             | <0.00020<br>0.0022             |
| Vanadium (V)-Total<br>Zinc (Zn)-Total<br>Zirconium (Zr)-Total | mg/L<br>mg/L<br>mg/L<br>mg/L | <0.00020<br>0.0022<br><0.00040 | <0.00020<br><0.0020<br><0.00040 | <0.00020<br>0.0022<br><0.00040 |
| Vanadium (V)-Total<br>Zinc (Zn)-Total                         | mg/L<br>mg/L<br>mg/L         | <0.00020<br>0.0022             | <0.00020<br><0.0020             | <0.00020<br>0.0022             |

**MEL-7** All the parameters respected the license requirement during July.

| Station: STP-OUT (MEL-7)                  |        | July       |            |            |            |
|---|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| DATE                                      | Limits | 02/07/2013 | 08/07/2013 | 16/07/2013 | 23/07/2013 |
| Ammonia as N (mg/L)                       |        | 20.2       | 15.8       | 10.4       | 17.4       |
| Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)          | 80     | <6.0       | <6.0       | 6.6        | 6.5        |
| Heterotrophic Plate Count (AAHB) (CFU/ml) |        | >3000      | >3000      | 90.0       | -          |
| Nitrate-N (mg/L)                          |        | 8.35       | 13.3       | 8.8        | 6.6        |
| Nitrate and Nitrite as N (mg/L)           |        | 13.7       | 15.10      | 9.32       | 9.3        |
| Nitrite-N (mg/L)                          |        | 5.39       | 1.9        | 0.5        | 2.64       |
| Oil & Grease-(IR) (mg/L)                  | 5      | <1.0       | <1.0       | <1.0       | <1.0       |
| Phosphorus (P)-Total (mg/L)               |        | 12.1       | 13.0       | 8.6        | 14.1       |
| TKN (mg/L)                                |        | 24.2       | 19.4       | 13.7       | 21.0       |
| Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)             | 100    | 24.0       | 10.0       | 18.0       | 9.0        |
| Transmitance (%T)                         |        | 32.4       | 32.7       | 54.4       | 34.2       |
| pH (pH units)                             | 6.5-9  | 7.46       | 7.29       | 7.36       | 7.69       |
| Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml)               | 1000   | <3         | 3.0        | 3.0        | <3         |
| Total Coliforms (MPN/100ml)               |        | 9,300.0    | 4,300.0    | 43.0       | 150.0      |

- 5. The Licensee shall, prior to the release of effluent from the Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities at Monitoring Program Station MEL-5 and the contaminated soil storage at MEL-6 for the purpose of demonstrating compliance, sample for the parameters listed under Part D, item 17.
  - ➤ A water release from the Bermed fuel containment facilities was done in July, after a water sampling and the reception of the authorization from inspector.

**MEL-5** analysis results

| MEL-3 analysis results |       |              |              |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Waterbody              |       |              | MEL-5        |  |  |  |
|                        |       | 200          |              |  |  |  |
| Date Sampled           | Units | 2BB<br>Limit | 20/06/2013   |  |  |  |
| Localisation           |       | LIIIII       | Bladder Berm |  |  |  |
| LAB                    |       |              | ALS LAB      |  |  |  |
| Laboratory-Measured    |       |              |              |  |  |  |
| Benzene                | mg/L  | 0.37         | <0.00050     |  |  |  |
| Toluene                | mg/L  | 0.002        | <0.0010      |  |  |  |
| Ethyl benzene          | mg/L  | 0.09         | <0.00050     |  |  |  |
| Xylenes                | mg/L  | -            | <0.0015      |  |  |  |
| Lead (Pb)-Total        | mg/L  | 0.001        | 0.000477     |  |  |  |
| Oil and Grease, Total  | mg/L  | 15           | <2.0         |  |  |  |
| Phenols (4AAP)         | mg/L  | 0.02         | <0.0010      |  |  |  |

6. The Licensee shall obtain representative samples of the water column below any ice where required under part F, item 7. Monitoring shall include but not limited to the following:

Total Suspended Solids

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Electrical Conductivity, and

Total trace Metals as determined by a standard ICP Scan (to include at a minimum, the following elements: Al, Sb, Ba, Be, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Fe, Pb, Li, Mn, Mo, Ni, Se, Sn, Sr, Tl, Ti, U, V, Zn), and Trace Arsenic and Mercury.

No sampling on ice in July.

7. The Licensee shall analyze the samples obtained at Monitoring Program Station MEL-8 for the following parameters:

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**Total Suspended Solids (TSS)** 

Oil & Grease

Total Trace metals as determined by a standard ICP Scan (to include at a minimum, the following elements: Al, Ba, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Ni, Se, Sn, Zn); and

**Trace Arsenic and Mercury** 

The Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill is not constructed yet.