

## MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT

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# This monthly report is delivered under water license 2BB-MEL1424, PART J, item 13.

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

Table 1: Monitoring stations

Monitoring Program Station Number	Description	Status	
MEL-1	Raw water supply intake at Meliadine Lake	Active (Volume cubic metres)	
MEL-2	Raw water supply intake at Pump, A8 or other Lakes	Active (Volume cubic metres)	
MEL-5	Point of discharge for the Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities	Active	
MEL-6	Effluent from the Landfarm Treatment Facility prior to release	New	
MEL-7	Final Effluent Discharge from the BIODISK treatment system	Active	
MEL-8	Point of discharge or runoff from the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill	(New) Active	

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 daily average consumption of fresh water for the site was  $30.4 \, \text{m}^3/\text{day}$  for the month of September; 0 m³/day for the drilling -, 29.6 m³/day\*\*\* for the camp and 0.8 m³/day for the underground.

3. The Licensee shall measure and record the volume of all soil from all locations entering the Landfarm Treatment Facility.

No new material added.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The volume includes the indirect water use.

4. The Licensee shall assess and record the concentration of F1 – F4 fractions in petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil, according to the CCME Canada-Wide Standard for Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) in Soil that is entering the Land Treatment Unit from all sources and excavations.

No new material added.

- 5. The Licensee shall provide the GPS coordinates 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
- Underground water source: East 540076.0; North 6987731.0
- 6. The Licensee shall provide the GPS coordinates (in decimal degrees) of all locations where wastes associated with camp operations and exploration activities are deposited.

The landfill has not been constructed yet, so most of the waste is managed in containers.

7. Licensee shall sample at Monitoring Program Station MEL-7, monthly during wastewater effluent discharge. Samples shall be analyzed for the parameters listed under Part G Item 11.

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

#### MEL-7

An exceedance occurred on Sept 28 sample event for the fecal coliforms parameter. The reason for this was due some operational issues with the UV and Ozone disinfection systems as well as increased peak flows. There was also an increase in staff on site and the system was adjusting to increased flows. As a result AEM implemented a more comprehensive UV maintenance program with increased cleaning of the UV light (up to 3x/day). In the near future, as soon as parts are received, an air bubbler system (additional oxygen) will be installed in an additional (approved) equalization tank. This will allow for more consistent flow rates which will improve treatment. The situation will be monitored closely in October.

Station: STP-FINAL	September				
DATE	Limits	2015-09-07	2015-09-14	2015-09-21	2015-09-28
Ammonia as N		34.1	47.6	57.0	60.2
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	80	14.8	11.0	12.9	10.6
Heterotrophic Plate Count (AAHB)		>3000	240	2 200	>3000
Nitrate-N		7.3	4.6	6.7	4.7
Nitrate and Nitrite as N		8.5	5.1	7.6	6.2
Nitrite-N		1.2	0.5	0.9	1.5
Oil & Grease-(IR)	5	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Phosphorus (P)-Total		12.2	1.4	15.5	13.2
TKN		34.4	50.3	60.7	62.8
Total Suspended Solids	100	9.0	14.0	16.0	11.0
Transmitance %		35.5	32.4	27.0	27.8
рН	6.0-9.5	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.7
Fecal Coliforms	1000	23	23	430	46 000
Total Coliforms		43	23	930	110 000

- 8. The Licensee shall, prior to the release of effluent from the Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities at Monitoring Program Station Mel-5 and the Landfarm Treatment Facility at Monitoring Program Station MEL-6 for the purpose of demonstrating compliance, sample for the parameters listed under Part D item 15.
  - No release in September.

9. The Licensee shall obtain representative samples of the water column below any ice where required under part F, Items 5 and 6. Monitoring shall include but not limited to the following:

Total Suspended Solids pH Electrical Conductivity, and

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

- > No drilling was done in September on lake.
- 10. The inspector, Christine Wilson (AANDC inspector), requested AEM to continue monitoring the ponded water at the rear of these facilities during times of flow with the same parameters as MEL-8 and the result must be included in the monthly monitoring report provided to the Nunavut Water Board ("the Board") and the Inspector.
  - Ponded water was only present in June and here are the results:

MEL-8				2015	
Station:	MEL-8 RC	MEL-8 RC			
Date Sampled:			2015-06-14	2015-06-23	
Sample ID:			L1627744	L1632881	
Laboratory-Measured	Units	Limits 2BB- MEL1424 (mg/L)	Results	Results	
Mercury (Hg)-Total	mg/L	0.0006	<0.000020	<0.000020	
Aluminum (Al)-Total	mg/L		0.21	0.194	
Antimony (Sb)-Total	mg/L		0.00036	0.00022	
Arsenic (As)-Total	mg/L	1	0.00179	0.00285	
Barium (Ba)-Total	mg/L	1	0.00375	0.00934	
Beryllium (Be)-Total	mg/L		<0.00020	<0.00020	
Bismuth (Bi)-Total	mg/L		<0.00020	<0.00020	
Boron (B)-Total	mg/L		<0.010	0.019	
Cadmium (Cd)-Total	mg/L	0.1	0.000012	0.000028	
Calcium (Ca)-Total	mg/L		1.56	9.49	
Cesium (Cs)-Total	mg/L		<0.00010	<0.00010	
Chromium (Cr)-Total	mg/L	0.1	0.00067	0.00054	
Cobalt (Co)-Total	mg/L		0.00033	0.00053	
Copper (Cu)-Total	mg/L	1	0.00107	0.00231	
Iron (Fe)-Total	mg/L		0.282	0.46	
Lead (Pb)-Total	mg/L	0.05	0.000507	0.00096	
Lithium (Li)-Total	mg/L		<0.0020	0.0032	
Magnesium (Mg)-Total	mg/L		0.329	1.16	
Manganese (Mn)-Total	mg/L		0.0355	0.0521	
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total	mg/L		<0.00020	0.00051	
Nickel (Ni)-Total	mg/L	1	0.00075	0.00172	
Phosphorus (P)-Total	mg/L		<0.050	<0.050	
Potassium (K)-Total	mg/L		0.413	1.71	
Rubidium (Rb)-Total	mg/L		0.00052	0.00127	
Selenium (Se)-Total	mg/L		<0.00010	<0.00010	
Silicon (Si)-Total	mg/L		0.48	0.57	
Silver (Ag)-Total	mg/L	0.1	<0.000010	0.000012	
Sodium (Na)-Total	mg/L		0.528	3.35	
Strontium (Sr)-Total	mg/L		0.00868	0.0516	
Tellurium (Te)-Total	mg/L		<0.00020	<0.00020	
Thallium (Tl)-Total	mg/L		<0.00010	<0.00010	
Thorium (Th)-Total	mg/L		<0.00010	<0.00010	
Tin (Sn)-Total	mg/L		<0.00020	<0.00020	
Titanium (Ti)-Total	mg/L		0.00529	0.00511	
Tungsten (W)-Total	mg/L		0.00012	0.00023	
Uranium (U)-Total	mg/L		<0.00010	<0.00010	
Vanadium (V)-Total	mg/L		0.00044	0.00037	
Zinc (Zn)-Total	mg/L	0.5	0.0115	0.0188	
Zirconium (Zr)-Total	mg/L		<0.00040	<0.00040	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	15	<5.0	<5.0	
Oil & Grease-(IR)	mg/L	15	<2.0	<2.0	