



24 October 2010

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu  
Manager of Licensing  
Nunavut Water Board  
P.O. Box 119  
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**RE:     Licence 2BE-MEP0813: Request for licence amendment: Increase allowable water use from 30 m<sup>3</sup>/day to 299 m<sup>3</sup>/day**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu;

Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM), through its wholly owned subsidiary Comaplex Minerals Corp., is requesting an amendment to its water licence, 2BE-MEP0813, to increase the allowable quantity of water used per day from 30 m<sup>3</sup> to 299 m<sup>3</sup>. This request results from measuring direct and indirect water use at the drills working on the Meliadine Gold Project where it was found each drill uses 53 m<sup>3</sup>/day.

These same drills will also be operating at Meliadine East and as a result, the present allowable water use of 30 m<sup>3</sup>/day is insufficient to run even one drill. Much the same as at the Tiriganiaq and F Zone of the Meliadine Gold Project, AEM wishes to operate up to 5 drills or more on its Meliadine East mineral leases and claims in the coming years and to do this, 299 m<sup>3</sup>/day of water is being sought.

When the licence was renewed in 2008, water use was still limited to direct use and did not include indirect use, something not anticipated at the time. As a result only 30 m<sup>3</sup>/day was requested. With indirect use now included in the determination of water use, AEM is requesting to increase its allowable water use.

In 2009, meters were installed on the drills at the Tiriganiaq gold deposit and for August and September and the recorded average daily water use was 53 m<sup>3</sup>/day/drill. Similar drills are to be used at Meliadine East and to undertake the planned drilling. Water conservation measures will be employed at the drills to reduce their daily water use so that more than 5 drills can operate simultaneously.

Attached you will find a cheque for \$60.00 payable to the Receiver General for Canada as required in making this request for amendment to the licence and also for the Water Use Fee for the coming year.



As you will note, this request has also been sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for screening with the understanding they will forward it to the Nunavut Planning Commission for a conformity check.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in calling John Witteman at 819 277 5444 or [jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com](mailto:jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com) .

Yours sincerely

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