



Meliadine Gold Project
March 2019 Update on Construction

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Introduction

As per requests made by the NIRB in correspondence dated Dec 4, 2016 entitled "Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2015-2016 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project and Board's Recommendations," please find the March 2019 update on development phases, construction completed, upcoming construction and any modifications to the Project site. In addition, it was requested by the INAC inspector during a May 18, 2017 site visit to communicate all changes in the construction timeline to the NWB. This report provides information regarding 30 days prior to construction notices and Construction Summary Reports

Project Phase

The Meliadine Project is in the construction phase (Year -2). Commercial operations are expected to start in early Q2 2019.

Construction activities in March 2019

The following construction activities were conducted in March 2019:

- Architectural work at the process plant (continued);
- MPEI at process plant and commissioning (continued);
- Earthworks at the portal 2 north haul road, portions of the industrial pad, the new crusher facilities and at the Paste Plant (continued);
- Installation of ore bin silo (on hold for completion but is functional);
- Building of assay lab (architectural work ongoing);
- Saline Water Treatment Plant (SWTP): Line 2, MPEI completed;
- Paste Plant building completed, MPEI ongoing
- Drill and blast activities at SP-2 completed
- Drill and Blast activities at CP-4 started
- At SP-3 started foundation preparation and mass backfill
- Start construction of SETP building

The following construction activities are planned for April 2019:

- MPEI and commissioning at process plant (to be completed, only minor deficiencies left);
- Assay lab architectural work to be completed;
- Architectural work at the process plant (to be completed);
- Crushed Ore Storage silo (completed) fire protection and some cladding is remaining;
- Esker development at Meliadine North-North (halted for winter period)
- Paste Plant MPEI work to be completed and hand over to Operations
- Drill and blast activities at CP-4 pond to be completed
- Start drill and blast at Channel 4 location
- SP-3 pond backfill to be completed and ready to start liner installation
- Complete construction of the SETP building

Modifications of the Project site or delays

Construction of SP2 occurred in March 2019 to increase water storage capacity.