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1. GENERAL

BBA was mandated to estimate the GHG emissions of the different scenarios considered for the treatment of saline water generated by the Meliadine underground mining activities. The three scenarios are:

- The construction of a water line from the Meliadine site to Ranking Inlet for disposal;
- The use of trucks to carry the saline water from the Meliadine site to Ranking Inlet for disposal;
- The use of a desalination plant to dispose of the treated water at site.

Five flow rates were studied for each scenario, namely:

- 800 m³/day;
- 1,600 m³/day;
- 6,000 m³/day;
- 12,000 m³/day;
- 20,000 m³/day.

1.1 Scope of calculation note

The purpose of this document is to present the assumptions and calculations used for the GHG evaluation.

The results will help Agnico Eagle evaluate GHG emissions for the different alternatives related to Saline Water Management at the Meliadine site.

1.2 Units and symbols

All units of measurement must be in accordance with the International Systems of Units (SI). If exceptions need to be taken, SI shall be used as the primary dimensions, with the corresponding conversion to the other system of units in brackets.

All units used in this document are listed in the following table.

Table 1: Units and symbols

Unit / Symbol	Description
kW	Kilowatt
kWh	Kilowatt hour
Ton CO ₂ eq.	Equivalent ton of CO ₂
L	Litre
km	Kilometre
m	Metre
m ³	Cubic metre
HP	Horsepower
BHP	Break Horsepower
sg	Specific Gravity
USGPM	Us Gallon per Minute

2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The following reference documents were used to prepare this calculation note.

Table 2: Reference documents

Reference	Document title
	2017, Canada's Greenhouse Gas Quantification Requirements
S.C. 2018, c.12, s.186, Schedule 3	Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

3. ASSUMPTIONS

All scenarios mentioned above used the conversion factor of 0.002803525 equivalent ton of CO₂ per litre of diesel consumed as specified in *Canada's Greenhouse Gas Quantification Requirements* and *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (S.C. 2018, c.12, s.186, Schedule 3)*.

3.1 Water line

The following assumptions were made for the daily GHG emissions of the water line:

- HDPE pipe (DR 11) will be used;
- Agnico Eagle determined that two (2) 16-inch pipes were required for all scenarios;

- The distance between the mine and the highest point in the piping routing is 10 km;
- The Meliadine site is 100 feet lower than the highest point of the piping routing;
- Once the highest point is reached, no pumping power is required since water will run down by gravity toward Rankin Inlet;
- The total pipe length is 35 km;
- Pump efficiency is estimated at 70%;
- The drive efficiency is estimated at 99%;
- The electric motor efficiency is estimated at 90%;
- The power factor of the network is 0.9;
- The overall efficiency of the power plant is 0.24 L of fuel per kWh_{elec}.

3.2 Truck

For this option, two truck models were considered. The first one is a Caterpillar 773 off-highway water truck designed for the mining industry. The second one is a Kenworth tanker. Both trucks have a 40 m³ capacity. The specific fuel consumption of the trucks is based on BBA's experience in previous projects:

- CAT 773 → 3.291 L/km;
- Kenworth → 0.4 L/km.

3.3 Desalination plant

The power consumption rate of the desalination plant was provided by Agnico Eagle directly and is 54.79 L of diesel per cubic metre of water treated.

4. DETAILED CALCULATIONS

4.1 Water line

The first step was to determine the pump head using piping diameter and material, flow, length, and inlet and outlet elevation difference. From those inputs, BBA was able to determine a required pump head as presented in appendix.

The following formulas are used to determine power consumption:

$$\text{Power (bhp)} = \frac{\text{Flow (USGPM)} * \text{Head (Ft H}_2\text{O)} * \text{SG}}{\text{Conversion factor (3960)} * \text{Pump Efficiency}}$$

$$\text{Electrical Power (kW}_{\text{elec}}) = \left(\frac{\text{Power (kW)} * \text{System Effect}}{\text{Drive Efficiency} * \text{Motor Efficiency} * \text{Motor Efficiency}} \right) * \text{Conversion Factor (bhp to kW)}$$

$$\text{Daily Power consumption (kWh}_{\text{elec}}/\text{day)} = \text{Electrical Power (kW}_{\text{elec}}) * 24\text{h}$$

$$\text{Daily Fuel Consumption (L/day)} = \frac{\text{Daily Power consumption (kWh}_{\text{elec}}/\text{day)}}{\text{Power Plant Efficiency (kWh}_{\text{elec}}/\text{L})}$$

The following formula is used to determine GHG emissions:

$$\text{Daily GHG emissions (ton CO}_2 \text{ eq./day)} = \text{Daily Fuel Consumption (L/day)} * \text{Conversion factor (0.0028)}$$

4.2 Truck

The following formulas are used to determine GHG emissions:

$$\text{Number of trips per day} = \frac{\text{Flow (m}^3/\text{day)}}{\text{Truck Capacity (m}^3)}$$

$$\text{Daily Fuel consumption (}\frac{\text{L}}{\text{day}}) = \text{Number of trips per day} * \text{distance between sites (km)} * 2 * \text{truck specific consumption}$$

$$\text{Daily GHG emissions (ton CO}_2 \text{ eq./day)} = \text{Daily Fuel Consumption (L/day)} * \text{Conversion factor (0.0028)}$$

4.3 Desalination plant

The following formula is used to determine GHG emissions:

$$\text{Daily GHG emissions (}\frac{\text{ton CO}_2 \text{ eq.}}{\text{day}}) = \text{Consumption rate (}\frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3}) * \text{Daily Flow (}\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{day}}) * \text{Conversion factor (0.0028)}$$

5. RESULTS

Table 3 below groups the results of the calculations shown above.

Table 3: Daily GHG emissions estimation results

		Daily GHG emissions estimate in equivalent tons of CO ₂									
		Flow Rate (m ³ /day)									
		800		1,600		6,000		12,000		20,000	
		Calculated	Rounded	Calculated	Rounded	Calculated	Rounded	Calculated	Rounded	Calculated	Rounded
Water Line	From Meliadine to Rankin	-	-	-	-	0.8	1	2.1	2	4.9	5
	Truck										
	CAT 773	13	13	25	25	94	94	188	188	314	314
	Kenworth	2	2	3	3	11	11	23	23	38	38
Desalination Plant	On site	123	123	246	246	922	922	1843	1843	3072	3072



Appendix A: Print-out of water line head calculations (6,000 m³/day)

A decorative horizontal bar with a blue-to-white gradient, slanted upwards from left to right, positioned below the section header.

Centrifugal pump calculation

BHP calculation

$$\text{bhp} = \text{flow} \times \text{head} \times \text{sg} / 3960 \times \text{eff}$$

External head on pump	133.0 ft h ₂ O
Flow	1101 usgpm
	Water at 60 F
Specific gravity	1.00
Pump efficiency	0.70
factor (US)	3960
bhp	52.82

 6000 m³/day

Electrical power required

System effects	1.05
Hydraulic bhp	55
Drive efficiency	0.99
Motor output (HP)	56
Motor efficiency	0.90
Power Factor	0.90
Electrical Power (kW)	52 kW
Time	24 hours
Energy	1238 kWh

Preliminary calculation for system design, for exact numbers see manufacturer's selection



Appendix B: Print-out of water line head calculations (12,000 m³/day)

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Centrifugal pump calculation

BHP calculation

$$\text{bhp} = \text{flow} \times \text{head} \times \text{sg} / 3960 \times \text{eff}$$

External head on pump	165.4 ft h ₂ O	
Flow	2201 usgpm	12000 m ³ /day
	Water at 60 F	
Specific gravity	1.00	
Pump efficiency	0.70	
factor (US)	3960	
bhp	131.37	

Electrical power required

System effects	1.05
Hydraulic bhp	138
Drive efficiency	0.99
Motor output (HP)	139
Motor efficiency	0.90
Power Factor	0.90
Electrical Power (kW)	128 kW
Time	24 hours
Energy	3078 kWh

Preliminary calculation for system design, for exact numbers see manufacturer's selection



Appendix C: Print-out of water line head calculations (20,000 m³/day)

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Centrifugal pump calculation

BHP calculation

$$\text{bhp} = \text{flow} \times \text{head} \times \text{sg} / 3960 \times \text{eff}$$

External head on pump	234.7 ft h ₂ O	
Flow	3669 usgpm	20000 m ³ /day
	Water at 60 F	
Specific gravity	1.00	
Pump efficiency	0.70	
factor (US)	3960	
bhp	310.67	

Electrical power required

System effects	1.05
Hydraulic bhp	326
Drive efficiency	0.99
Motor output (HP)	329
Motor efficiency	0.90
Power Factor	0.90
Electrical Power (kW)	303 kW
Time	24 hours
Energy	7280 kWh

Preliminary calculation for system design, for exact numbers see manufacturer's selection

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