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Dear Richard Dwyer, DFO, Caroline Whittle, Calvin Ehaloak, Tracie McCaie, Luis Manzo, Jennifer Range:

RE: NPC File # 151150 [Meliadine Mine Water Licence Amendment]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary Land Use:** Mining
2. **Project summary description:** Continuation of mining activities including optimizations to previously approved mining activities and components.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The proponent seeks to extend Meliadine Mine operations by five years to 2036 within the existing, NIRB-assessed footprint and deposits, using current infrastructure (TSF, WRSF, water-management systems) with no new deposit areas. Personnel may increase to about 905, with additional fuel and water requirements to support camp capacity and a new composter to reduce fuel use. A Type A Water Licence amendment is required to cover the extended operations and bring all NIRB-approved mine components under the same licence.

4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:**1148382, 148672, 149337, 149399; 149443, 149743, 150202; 150252 150864; **Associated NIRB File No:** 11MN034, and 21WA007 (Project Certificate No. 006); **Associated NWB water license:** 2AM-MEA1631.
5. **Location:** Kivalliq Region; [near Rankin Inlet]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, and the conformity determination was most recently issued on June 20, 2025 which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including construction, operation, reclamation, and closure of both underground and open-pit gold mines, as well as mine extension (NIRB File No.: 11MN034). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed modification within the approved Meliadine Mine footprint under NIRB Project Certificate No. 006, do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151150>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.