

Version 3 Hammond Reef Gold Project EIS/EA – Addendum (Part B)
Responses to Provincial Information Requests

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Identifier	Topic	Reference to EIS/EA Report	Summary of Comment	Proponent's Response	Subsequent Comment
			<i>Date: March 2014</i>	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	
MNR-Terrestrial 4	Socio economics		<p>There is no record in the TSD or the appendices, of interviews with local naturalists, trappers, or hunters. There is one interview with a tourist outfitter and concerns around impacts to tourism were raised. The EA report needs to better describe the impacts to these users.</p>	<p>Local naturalists, trappers, hunters and tourist outfitters were engaged throughout the Project planning process. Individuals attended meetings and open house events, presentations were provided to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Atikokan Sportsmen's Club and workshops were held with local tourism operators.</p> <p>Impacts to land users are assessed in the Final EIS/EA Report. The outdoor tourism and recreation is an identified VEC for the socio-economic environment. The outdoor tourism and recreation VEC is assessed using three indicators: tourism activities, number and type of visitors, and tourism revenues. The aboriginal interest assessment also considered impacts to land use through the traditional use of land and resources VEC.</p> <p>The Project could result in effects to hunting because of loss of habitat. The magnitude of the effect is low because the amount of land removed is less than 5% of the wildlife management unit. The frequency and reversibility are both high since the effect occurs continuously and is reversible; therefore, the overall assessment of significance of this effect is assessed as low. Outdoor tourism and recreation could be affected by the Project because of changes in perception caused by effects to the visual landscape. This is a permanent change that will be mitigated through ongoing consultation with tourism operators and Canadian Malartic's commitment to invest in advertising to promote the local industry. Effects on Traditional Use of Land and Resources, specifically loss of fishing opportunities, hunting opportunities and plant harvesting opportunities were assessed as being negligible because any effects would be limited to the Aboriginal Interests LSA and would not measurably reduce the overall land use opportunities provided within the RSA. Effects on the consumption of country foods was determined to be unlikely since neither their source nor safety would be affected. The removal of land base within traplines in the Aboriginal Interests LSA, will be mitigated through agreements with the trapline holders. The effects are not deemed to be significant and are outweighed by the potential economic benefits from creation of jobs, contracts, and services which are expected to benefit the overall community.</p>	MNRF 13