

Version 3 Hammond Reef Gold Project EIS/EA – Addendum (Part B)
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			<i>Date: March 2014</i> MOE SW-15	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	<i>Date: August 2015</i>		
MOE SW-15B	Water Balance and Water Takings	EIS/EA §6.1.3.1.3	Section 6.1.3.1.3 reports expected changes to water levels in Marmion Reservoir due to project activities during the Operations phase. It should be noted that details of water balance predictions will be further reviewed and determined at permitting and approvals and so the information provided in the EIS/EA Report could change with respect to these values and their application.	It is acknowledged that the water balance modelling will be further reviewed during the permitting phase of the Project.	See response to MOE SW-11B above. “MNRF and stakeholders (Brookfield and H2O Power) have expressed their ongoing concerns with CMC’s proposed water takings from Marmion Lake during the operation of the proposed Hammond Reef Site. Since this aspect of the project has a high risk of socioeconomic effects, these effects need to be clearly outlined in the EA so that mitigation measures can be determined and so that they can be considered in the EA decision. Without this information in the EA, the proponent is accepting a very high level of risk. Based on the current information provided to date, the MOECC would not be able to issue a permit to take water until a thorough assessment of all cumulative effects is completed to the satisfaction of the Ministries. Information needs include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to assess effects under a low flow scenario, the proponent should explain in the EA how they would operate the mine under the climatic conditions experienced in 2010, an extreme low-flow year. This may require ceasing all water takings from Marmion Reservoir and recirculating water until conditions improve Explanation of how they plan to continue operations during periods of extremely low flows including potential mitigation measures and approaches After assessing level and flow bands in the Seine River WMP, determine the water and flow levels at which 	See response in MOE SW-11B.	N/A

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					<p>fresh water takings for mine operations would cease in order to prevent downstream waterpower facilities from entering a state of non-compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of how they will monitor and report water takings, flows, and levels in order to assess compliance with permit conditions. <p>The project's hydrology reports are currently being reviewed by an MOECC regional hydrologist who will provide comments under separate cover."</p>		