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## HAMMOND REEF GOLD PROJECT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON FINAL EIS/EA

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### COMMENT – T-5

**Source:** Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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#### Summary of Comment

It appears that for the indicator 'Ability to Limit Impacts to Water Quality in Surrounding Water bodies' (sections 3.5.1.3.2 and 4.5.1.3.2) the Proponent has inverted the scoring scale, which should go from Low to High rather than from High to Low.

#### Proposed Action

Clarify whether this is a typographical error.

#### Reference to EIS

Appendix 4.1 Mine Waste Disposal Alternatives Assessment Version 2

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#### Response

The indicator 'Ability to Limit Impacts to Water Quality in Surrounding Water Bodies' is a measure of the TMF locations ability to mitigate impact. The scoring scale for this indicator is correct. Key considerations for this indicator are topographic containment, proximity to waterbodies and number of potential discharge pathways.

For example, TMF-3 is located against a topographic high (to the northwest) and has topographic features that limit potential water release to three receiving locations. The TMF-2 location provides no topographic containment and has the potential to release water to up to eight receiving locations. Therefore, TMF-2 is considered to have a lower ability to limit impact to water quality in surrounding water bodies compared to TMF-1 and is assigned a lower score.