

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 Previous Comment	Proponent's Response to Previous Comment	Follow-up comment/ Request for Information	New Proponent Response	Subsequent Comment
			<i>Date: March 2014</i> MNDM 5	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	<i>Date: August 2015</i>		
MNDM 5B	Mine Closure and Rehabilitation		The proponent is proposing to allow the open pits to passively flood. This is estimated to take 218 years. It is expected that stratification of water in the flooded open pits will result in surficial water quality that is suitable for discharge into the Upper Marmion Reservoir. However, if stratification of the water does not produce acceptable water quality then treatment will be necessary. If this approach is carried forward, it will create a need for very long-term monitoring. In addition, a contingency plan for a water treatment is warranted. Appropriate financial assurance (FA) will be required to ensure the pit is properly monitored and appropriate mitigation measures developed, should the company become financially insolvent. Determining the appropriate amount of FA will be challenging given the 218-year timeline.	Thank you for your comment. Ongoing consultation with the MNDM will take place prior to the official submission of a Certified Closure Plan. Canadian Malartic understands that long term monitoring may be required throughout pit filling; however studies have shown that on site water quality is not anticipated to present a long term concern. Canadian Malartic understands that Financial Assurance to provide for a minimum of 10 years post-closure water quality monitoring will be required in the Certified Closure Plan. Conceptual environmental monitoring programs are included in the Final EIS/EA Report and detailed plans will be developed in consultation with MNDM, MOE and/or MNR.	The response is sufficient. However, please note that the cessation or change in frequency of post closure water quality monitoring would be subject to the approval of the Director of Mine Rehabilitation. Cessation or a significant reduction in monitoring (and return of Financial Assurance) would only occur once a steady state is established and documented.	Acknowledged	N/A