

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-9	Aquatic Habitat		<p>Providing details of planning and logistics of the draining of Mitta Lake <u>after</u> the EA approved is not acceptable. The EA needs to include more details than what is currently provided.</p>	<p>A conceptual design of the water removal from Mitta Lake will be developed and shared with Aboriginal groups and Project stakeholders. Water in Mitta Lake will be used as part of the mine commissioning/operation where possible. Use of piping, pumping and the PPCP infrastructure that is required for other mine operations will be relied on as much as possible. Removal of sediment and shallow overburden maybe required as part of the pre-treatment preparation of the open pit. If required, lake sediment collection and disposal methods will be identified and sediment will be disposed of in the overburden stockpile.</p> <p>Fish salvaged from Mitta Lake will be relocated in consideration of the overall No Net Loss Plan developed for the Project. Alternative locations for fish relocation will be examined through an assessment of logistics and consultation with the DFO and MNR. The NNLP considers stocking of four fishless headwater lakes/ponds as part of the offset Projects. Sawbill Bay will also be considered as an alternative location. Timing of the draining of Mitta Lake will be scheduled based on fish sensitivity. Methods of fish capture will be described including planned sampling, handling, transport and release. Some mortality of fish is expected and plans for disposal of dead fish will be developed in consideration of potential wildlife issues. Disposal methods and locations will be identified and predation by birds and wildlife will be avoided. Discussions with Aboriginal groups utilizing the RSA committees and the Métis consultation committee will ensure appropriate cultural and spiritual protocols are followed.</p> <p>Water from Mitta Lake will be released at the approved Project discharge location and will comply with the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval for water discharge.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> See response to comment <a href="#">T-62</a> for further details</p>	<a href="#">MNR 9</a>