

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: August 2015</i> MNRF-11A	<i>Date: September 2016</i>	<i>Date: April 2017</i>	<i>Date: June 2017</i>	
MNRF 11A-2	Terrestrial Habitat - Bats		<p>MNRF feels that only measuring habitat presence and suitability in some cases, rather than actual habitat use by species and habitat presence/suitability in combination, is inappropriate and inconsistent with how other VECs are being measured. Specifically, the baseline studies as outlined in table 2.2 of the Terrestrial Ecology TSD, while valued, do not clearly link the VEC selected to the indicator.</p> <p>MNRF also continues to feel that some of the representative species selected as a VECs are inappropriate and a pathway of effect is not being adequately considered. For example, snapping turtles are not a good species to represent reptiles and amphibians for the reason that they are fairly generalist in habitat use.</p> <p>MNRF requests the proponent provide documentation on how the VEC's were selected (i.e. through baseline studies, feedback from regulators as they state). As well as provide a description/explanation on how the VEC's can act as a surrogate for other valued species, considering MNRF's comments.</p>	<p>CMC has committed to complete additional field studies to understand and define the bat population and bat habitats, including hibernacula, within the mine study area. These studies are planned for 201 and the commitment will be included in the commitments registry.</p> <p>CMC understands and acknowledges that, if required, permitting under the Species at Risk Act can be a long process.</p>	MNRF requests review and input of all planned BAT and SAR surveys.	The bat and other SAR surveys were completed in the spring and summer of 2017. The MNRF was provided with the scope of work for these surveys and provided comment. The surveys were completed in accordance with the provided scope of work and recommendations provided by the MNRF following their review of the scope of work. In particular, additional surveys for whip-poor-will were completed at the request of the MNRF.	N/A