

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:</i>	<i>Date: December 2016</i>	
MNRF-WTCM 2	Below Normal Water Level and Outflow Conditions at Raft Lake Dam	Water Taking Contingency Measures, Section 1.2	The SRWMP is a legally binding water management plan between the province and hydro-electric proponents. CMC will be included as "other users" on the system and will participate in future WMP refinement. MNRF acknowledges that although CMC has reached an agreement in principle (and compensation) with individual power operators, this does not bind their operations to the same WMP thresholds (as CMC is not a signatory to the SRWMP). The SRWMP states that the following are used to determine when normal conditions are no longer met: "reservoir outflows are at minimum values specified in the plan and water levels are below minimum specified elevation for the day...Both conditions must exist at the same time". Therefore in this context, both conditions must be met at the same time to be within normal conditions.	<p>An operational water management technical agreement is presently being developed between CMC and the hydro-power operators. This document will define water taking procedures for the Project and communication protocols between CMC and the hydro-power operations. CMC understands that the SRWMP is a legally binding document that regulates the operations of the hydro-power operators. CMC will adhere to the requirements of the technical operating agreement that is presently in development. Upon signing of the agreement, CMC anticipates that the hydro-power companies will issue a letter of support for the Project.</p> <p>CMC is willing to implement the contingency water taking plan if the reservoir water level elevation is below the minimum operating level defined by the SRWMP and the hydro-power operators have been instructed by the MNRF to maintain flows above the minimum rate required by the SRWMP.</p>	