

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> <a href="#">MOE SW-1</a>	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	<i>Date: August 2015</i>	<i>Date: November 2015</i>	
MOE SW-1B	Alternatives Assessment – Effluent Discharge, spawning habitat		Confirmation and verification of the critical fisheries habitat (i.e., spawning habitat) information in Upper Marmion Lake that was used to inform the selection of the preferred alternative for the effluent discharge location; confirmation of the preferred alternative location.	Canadian Malartic shared the Project alternatives throughout a series of meetings with the public, government and Aboriginal communities. All three groups commented that discharge Site #2 was within fish spawning habitat: The comments from the public came through the Open Houses held in Atikokan. The comments from the government came from discussions during fish compensation planning. The comments from the Aboriginal communities came from First Nations elders who participated in the Traditional Use Study. Because the comment was heard from all three groups, Canadian Malartic Corporation chose to take a precautionary approach and select an alternative location that did not raise the same concerns about fish spawning habitat.	A fish spawning survey should have been done as part of the baseline studies in order to confirm that this area is indeed critical fish habitat. By assuming that it is critical habitat based on word-of-mouth, it results in the elimination of this location as a potential effluent discharge location. Since this location is located in the main flowpath of Upper Marmion Lake, it would likely have enhanced dilution characteristics compared to the preferred alternative for discharge location located near Sawbill Bay.	CMC values stakeholder input and perception. Therefore, after many stakeholders stated their preference that the discharge location avoid this area, a decision was made to respect these comments. The preferred alternative discharge location has shown to be appropriate to the project needs.	<a href="#">MOE SW-1C</a>