

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-10</a>	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	<i>Date: August 2015</i>		
MOE SW-10B	Water Quality		The TSD v.1 lists a number of surface water parameters that were measured but which detection limits exceed provincial and/or federal limit criteria. This confounds the interpretation of these results. Steps must be taken to achieve detection limits less than comparable criteria for any future sampling in order to adequately assess potential impacts during the development, operation, and closure of the potential mine.	Detection limits for some parameters were lowered during baseline monitoring following review and assessment of results. For example, mercury detection limits were originally (Sept. 2010) set at 0.0001 mg/L for comparison with Provincial Water Quality Objectives but were lowered to 0.00001 mg/L (Nov. 2010; Jun. 2011; Apr. 2012; Aug. 2012) to allow for comparison to Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment guidelines. Detection limits for future sampling will be set at an appropriate level to allow for ongoing evaluation of the potential for impacts. In some cases this will involve lowering detection limits relative to initial baseline monitoring data.	Response is adequate for EA. MOECC acknowledges the proponent's commitment to provide adequate detection limits for all future analyses.	Acknowledged.	N/A