

Table A - IR2: Information Requests Derived from the Canadian Malartic Corporation's Responses to Information Request #1 (IR1) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement /Environmental Assessment Report for the Federal Environmental Assessment of the Hammond Reef Gold Mine Project

Reference #	Link to IR1	Ecosystem Topic	Reference to EIS Guidelines	Reference to EIS	Summary of Comment/ Rationale	Information Request Response to Information Request
T(2)-13	T-57	Aboriginal Interest and Land and Resource Use	10.3.1	EIS Section 6.3.2.6.2	<p>The EIS recommends a protocol be established between the proponent and Aboriginal communities to outline actions to take in the event a heritage site and/or artifacts are discovered. The proponent indicated that the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) and the Métis Nation of Ontario Consultation Committee agreed to the proponent's approach to the protection of special sites.</p> <p>It is unclear which First Nation communities among the members of FFCS reviewed and agreed to the proponent's approach.</p> <p>Contingency measures should be developed in case no agreement with a potentially affected First Nation community is in place.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify which First Nation communities agreed to the approach to the protection of special sites. 2. Describe the contingency measures to be followed in case no effective agreement with a community is in place when a special site is discovered. <p>Response: CMC currently has an active agreement with the following First Nations: Lac de Mille Lacs, Seine River, Lac La Croix, Rainy River, Naicatchewan, Mitaanjigaming, Couchiching and Nigigoonisminkaaning First Nations. CMC also has an agreement in place with the Metis Nation of Ontario.</p> <p>These First Nations and the Metis Nation of Ontario have agreed to CMC's approach to the protection of special sites, however as outlined in the EIS/EA Report, ongoing communication is planned throughout the project's life to inform the communities of work on site and receive help and advice regarding cultural protocols.</p> <p>Should a special site be discovered at a time or location where an agreement is not in place, a precautionary approach would be taken. Work would be stopped and consultation would take place with the Chiefs, the cultural committee and the joint technical working group, as appropriate.</p>