
HAMMOND REEF GOLD PROJECT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON FINAL EIS/EA

COMMENT – T-1

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

Although Osisko [Canadian Malartic Corporation] provided a response to CEAA -7 on the draft EIS/EA Report, it does not provide enough detail to understand the environmental effects from the proposed aggregate pits. The locations of the proposed aggregate pits are also not known.

The response to CEAA-8 also does not provide enough information to understand the potential effects of potential new roads to aggregate pits that may be used for the construction of the mine site.

Proposed Action

Provide an assessment of other prospective aggregate pits and a map with the locations of the proposed aggregate pits.

Describe the potential effects of potential new roads to aggregate pits that may be used for the construction of the mine site.

Reference to EIS

Appendix 1.IV, IR CEAA-7, CEAA-8

Response

There are currently sufficient aggregate resources nearby which can supply Project needs. It is Canadian Malartic Corporation's intent to identify (including mapping) additional locations at such a time as Canadian Malartic Corporation is ready to apply to develop and permit these resources to limit potential for speculative bidding for resources. Canadian Malartic Corporation would follow all appropriate permitting regulations under the Aggregate Resources Act.

Canadian Malartic Corporation currently holds permits under the Aggregate Resources Act for 3 existing aggregate pits in the vicinity of the Project, and these aggregate pits would remain in use. Canadian Malartic Corporation has also identified other prospective sources to address some of the additional aggregate requirements. In due course, they may apply for permits for one or more of these prospective sites; however no decision has yet been made in this regard. New access roads would likely be required in connection with any of these possible new aggregate pits. Impacts due to new access roads have not been addressed in the Final EIS/EA for the mine. These impacts are expected to be minimal and would be addressed under permitting as would be required for any other aggregate resources under the Aggregate Resources Act.

Depending on commercial and permitting considerations, (i.e. haul distance, purchase costs, royalties, etc.), Canadian Malartic Corporation may address additional requirements by either purchasing aggregate from commercial sources or by crushing waste rock on site. In this case, no new access roads or road upgrades would be required.

Canadian Malartic Corporation holds Category 9 permits on the existing aggregate pits, which means that the pits are located on Crown land and they are not to be operated closer than 1.5 m above the established water table. It is expected that any new aggregate pits would also be permitted under Category 9. No aggregate can

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be extracted from below the water table, and any runoff from rainfall can be contained within the pit area where it will infiltrate. Good practice measures, such as leaving a high point on the access road, will be followed to prevent any runoff leaving the sites of any of the aggregate pits. For this reason, the aggregate pits are not expected to have any impacts on lake water quality.