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

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### COMMENT – T-25

**Source:** Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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#### Summary of Comment

The EIS contains insufficient information regarding the use of waterbodies affected by the project. No information on the use of those waterbodies was found in Section 3.2.6.3 or in Table 3-24.

Based on Transport Canada's current approach to assessing navigability for the purposes of the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA), which is soon to be replaced by the Navigation Protection Act (NPA), the waterbodies at the Project site that are potentially navigable are Mitta Lake and API#2.

Information on the use of Mitta Lake and API #2 is required in order to assess the navigability of these waterbodies, provide comment on the significance of impacts to navigation and determine whether an Order in Council under the NWPA/NPA is required.

#### Proposed Action

Provide information on current and/or historic use of Mitta Lake and API #2.

#### Reference to EIS

EIS Section 3.2.6.3

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#### Response

Canadian Malartic Corporation has been in contact with Transport Canada throughout the Project planning process and would like to further discuss the potential that the Project could require an Order in Council for the loss of potentially navigable waters. Canadian Malartic Corporation has shared our knowledge of the current and/or historic use of Mitta Lake and API#2 with Transport Canada. The details of which are restricted to the granting of bait fishing licenses in the area that these waterbodies are located. Canadian Malartic Corporation does not believe that an Order in Council will be required for the Project, but looks forward to working further with Transport Canada to clarify this issue.

Information on the current and/or historic use and the accessibility of Mitta Lake and API #2 will be included in the work permit applications required under the applicable legislation in place at the time of submittal (e.g., Request for Work Approval under the NWPA).