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

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### COMMENT – T-26

**Source:** Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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#### Summary of Comment

The Executive Summary states that only two lakes will be eliminated (Mitta Lake and API 2), while on page 6-43 it states that 4 lakes will be lost (Mitta Lake, API 2, API 11, and API 13).

#### Proposed Action

Provide clarification on the number of lakes that will be eliminated.

#### Reference to EIS

ES-8, 6-43

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#### Response

The Executive Summary highlights the two small lakes that would be eliminated by the Open Pit and the Tailings Management Facility. The Executive Summary also summarizes the aquatic biology habitat losses as including 0.8 ha of Sawbill Bay, 4 ha of inlet streams, 0.5 ha of baitfish ponds in the lower reaches, 1.8 ha of headwater streams, 30 ha of lakes and 3.7 ha of baitfish and northern pike ponds in the headwaters.

The 30 ha of lakes described in this list of direct aquatic habitat impacts includes the loss of 4 lakes: Mitta Lake, API 2, API 11, and API 13. Mitta Lake is located within the planned Open Pit, API 2 is located within the planned Tailings Management Facility, API 11 is located within the planned Waste Rock Stockpile and API 13 is located within the planned Emergency Spill Pond.

All of these habitat losses will be offset by compensation projects outlined in the No-Net Loss Plan (NNLP) prepared for the Project, and as a result, there will be no residual effects from these losses.

A complete summary of lakes that will be directly affected by the Project is provided in Table 3-5 of the Aquatic TSD.