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

COMMENT – T-61

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

It is noted in MNR's comment to the proponent's response to MNR-27 that there are gaps in the assessment for the transmission line. At sections, the road and the transmission line appear to be out of alignment by 500m or more. As well there is approximately 4km of new line that is not described.

This information will be necessary to have a clear understanding of the impact of the linear infrastructure and will inform any additional mitigation measures and any monitoring networks required.

Proposed Action

Provide the following:

- revised Figures 1-3 and 2-1 with study areas for linear infrastructure with buffers.
- a clear description if the plan is to align the fibre optic line/auxiliary line with the transmission line, this should be shown on a map and described. I.e. the transmission line at 60m ROW, fibre optic line 5m. etc.
- confirmation on the use of the following mitigation measures for the transmission line such as avoidance of stream crossings, any right of way access, installation of water crossings during low flow periods, use of sediment traps in streams, working in water time restrictions, no spraying of herbicides within 3 m of surface water etc.

Reference to EIS

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Response

As shown in Figure 2-2B and Figure 2-2J of the Final EIS/EA Report, the Aquatic Environment and Terrestrial Ecology Local Study Areas capture the linear infrastructure with a 1 km buffer area for potential minor re-alignments.

The fibre optic/auxiliary line was deemed unnecessary and is no longer considered part of the Project design.

Mitigation measures for the transmission line will include best practices such as avoidance of stream crossings, installation of water crossings during low flow periods, use of sediment traps in streams, working in water time restrictions, and refraining from spraying of herbicides within 3 m of surface water.