



APPENDIX D-3

**STAKEHOLDER RECORDS
(NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO OCTOBER 7, 2013)**



APPENDIX D-3a

**STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT REPORT (VERSION 2)**

Stakeholder: Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A
Point of Contact: Bruce Hamilton, Vice Chair
Comments received: August 20 and 21, 2013
Comments regarding: Rainy River Project, Draft Environmental Assessment Report (Ver. 2)

#	COMMENT (abbreviated)	RRR RESPONSE	STATUS*
1	Our area of concern covers the western portion of Ontario from the Atikokan/Ignace area to the Manitoba border. The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) site area falls within our area of concern. I would first like to thank Rainy River resources for holding the two open houses ... also most appreciative of staff's efforts to supply me with a DVD copy of the report.	Comment noted with appreciation.	Complete
2	As discussed with Mr. Vancook at the Fort Frances open house, elk population numbers (5.10.1.1) should be updated to 50 to 70 animals to more correctly represent the number of animals in this area.	The number of elk presented in the document were based on the information received from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).	Complete
3	Also, this paragraph does a poor job of reflecting the proper range of the elk. A small groups can be found near in the Dance area west of Fort Frances and another group is regularly reported immediately west of the RRGP site in the North Branch area. The main herd can still be found in the Cameron Lake area north east of the RRGP ... information is confirmed in the "2013 Ontario Elk Research and Monitoring Updates – July 11, 2013 pages 14-21." I assume you have received an e-mail copy of this document... The report of elk on the Pipestone Road was just communicated to me verbally August 18 th , 2013 by Murray English co-chair of the Northwest Ontario Elk Restoration Coalition. I very strongly encourage RRR to contact Mr. English.	Rainy River Resources (RRR) received a copy of the document after the Draft EA Report (Ver. 2) was prepared. This information will be utilized in the Final EA Report as appropriate, with the caveat that the document considers the entire region and is not specific to the Rainy River Project (RRP) natural environment local study area (NLSA) nor regional study area (NRSA).	Complete Vol 2 Sec 5.10.1.1
4	I would also refer you to page 17 (Annual Aerial Calf Survey) of the above document (see comment 4) where flying methods of 5-10 km/hr are described...elk are very hard to spot from the air, even by practiced observers...	Agreed, and for that reason, the staff utilized during the aerial surveys were purposefully selected based on their extensive experience with this work.	Complete

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6	<p>Page 49 Vol. 7.9.1 discusses the declining moose densities within the area as being partly due to over hunting. There is no open season for moose in WMU 10 so hunting has no effect on moose numbers in the area of the RRGP. Hunting to the north and northeast in WMUs 7B and 9B have seasons during which adult harvest is closely controlled.</p>	<p>The baseline records review conducted by KCB and AMEC did not indicate a moose population decline specifically within the NRSA. Baseline studies indicated that the NLSA is largely unsuitable as habitat for moose as it consists primarily of agricultural lands. A moose decline in the Lake of the Woods area (WMU 07B, 9A, 9B, and 10) and in Minnesota is noted in the Draft EA report (Murray et al., 2009) but evidence of a decline within the NRSA is lacking. Murray et al. (2009) states that moose have been declining in the region (including northern Minnesota) for several decades due to overhunting, increased predation by wolves and bears, parasites and increased competition for food with White-tailed Deer. Unfortunately this reference does not distinguish between moose hunting activity in Ontario and Minnesota; it may be that overhunting is occurring in Minnesota.</p> <p>AMEC will consult with the MNR on this topic again and will provide further clarification if possible in the Final EA report.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Vol 2 Sec 7.9.1</p>

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7	<p>Page 53 Vol. 7.9.4 states “An additional 10.2 ha of moose late winter habitat will be lost. It is not anticipated that this loss...will impact the local moose population due to currently low density of moose in the region.” Actually just the opposite is true; a declining herd must have as much habitat as possible retained. If this habitat cannot be saved it should be replaced in a suitable area nearby.</p>	<p>This statement is made, but in the context of the winter habitat being discontinuous. The Final EA Report will be revised accordingly.</p> <p>Baseline studies indicated that the NLSA is largely unsuitable as habitat for moose, elk and caribou as it consists primarily of agricultural lands. Only one moose was seen within the NLSA but was located far from the project footprint. Other evidence of moose (droppings) use of the NLSA was also low.</p> <p>The 10.2 ha of moose late winter habitat that will be lost is made up of several small isolated patches of habitat scattered throughout the project footprint; it is not a contiguous patch of moose habitat. Therefore, although these isolated patches have been classified as having the characteristics of moose late winter habitat, they likely are unable to support moose based on their small size. The loss of 10.2 ha is not considered to be a large amount of habitat loss, particularly considering the abundance of moose habitat available in WMU 9B, 9A and all other WMUs to the north and northeast (boreal areas); WMU 10 consists primarily of agricultural lands.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Vol 2 Sec 7.9.4</p>

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8	Page 116 Vol. 7.18.5.1 refers to a statement from the Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club (FFSC) which estimates that there could be at least 10 hunters who use the area ... Latest figures for resident hunters (MNR provincial mail survey data 2012) show that 2776 resident hunters plus 616 non-resident participated in the 2012 deer hunt in WMU 10. Using RRR's figure from 7.18.5.1 which states that RRGP's footprint will remove 1.5% of the unit, this converts to ... a total of 50.88 or 51 deer hunters that will be displaced. I contend this number is also low due to the fact that the western end of the unit is hunted much more than the eastern portion. These are numbers for deer hunters only and do not include wolf, bear upland game or migratory bird hunters who will also be displaced.	While we respect the comments from the OFAH, the RRP is located primarily on private lands. RRR does not choose to allow hunting on these lands due to concerns regarding safety of workers, similar to some other landowners in the region.	Complete
9	On page 18 Vol. 13.7.2 the third bullet states "Working with the Aboriginal hunters to document Whitetail Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvest activities in the RRGP site area." Does this mean that the RRR intends to use Aboriginal persons to remove "nuisance" animals! It is my understanding that moose cannot be dispatched for this reason; out of regular season deer can only be dispatched under permit from the MNR; and if black bear or wolf/coyote are dispatched in WMU 10 the MNR must be immediately notified. I would not expect the above circumstance to meet the intent of subsistence or ceremonial harvest.	The statement indicated the RRR has been in contact to try to ascertain the level of Aboriginal hunting in the area. RRR acknowledges and will respond all regulatory requirements associated with harvesting nuisance or other animals.	Complete
10	Page 7 Vol. 7.2.1 states "The use of the lower Pinewood River by Lake Sturgeon has been suggested through local knowledge but has not been confirmed as a result of baseline studies completed." But in 5.8.19 a Lake Sturgeon was captured 5 kl upstream from Rainy River.	This typographic error will be corrected in the Final EA Report.	Complete Vol 2 Sec 7.2.1
11	While at the Barwick open house July 30 th , 2013, I was discussing the control of acid generation ... with a representative from AMEC. He shocked me so badly by mentioning the possible use of "blue green algae" ... Please confirm that this has never been considered.	We apologize if there was a misunderstanding at the open house. There is no plan to use blue green algae in relation to acid generation treatment. The ponds will contain naturally occurring blue green algae as do most waterbodies.	Complete

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12	We realize the closing date for commenting on the Draft Report has passed but the following comments require no changes to the Report but warrant mention. We would appreciate it if they could be considered as part of the Ontario Federation Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A's submission...	Responses have been provided below for the comments received after the submission deadline.	Complete
13	We would like to complement Rainy River Resources (RRR) for the creation of a Fisheries Working Group (7.5.3 page 32) consisting of the RRGF team, DFO, and MNR to develop a No Net Loss Plan and compensation strategy to offset unavoidable effects to habitat.	Comment noted with appreciation.	Complete
14	On page 51 Vol. 7.9.2 the statement "Deer hunting by local resident is however common activity and part of local culture" is appreciated. Thank you for recognizing this!	Comment noted and agreed.	Complete
15	Although we do not agree with the number of hunters displaced (7.18.5.1) as explained in our submission August 19 th , 2013, we are encouraged to read in 7.18.5.5 that "RRR will consider allowing access to all or portions of the RRGF site once habitats are restored." As with all private property, we realize this access would be by permission only.	Comment noted with appreciation.	Complete
16	Although not qualified to comment on much of the technical data within the report, I am generally pleased with the report other than the topics addressed in our original submission.	Comment noted with appreciation. RRR has made every attempt to prepare a comprehensive document that is technically correct but remains understandable.	Complete

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Stakeholder: Corporation of the Township of Chapple
Point of Contact: Peggy Johnson, CMO – CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Comments received: August 19, 2013
Comments regarding: Rainy River Project, Draft Environmental Assessment Report (Ver. 2)

#	COMMENT (abbreviated)	RRR RESPONSE	STATUS*
1	<p>The Township of Chapple would like to thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report. It is a very lengthy document and concern has been expressed over insufficient time to truly do an in depth review.</p> <p>In reviewing the Draft Environmental Assessment Report, we were unable to find reference to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of Richardson Gravel Pit • Municipal Petition Drains • Loss of Assessment vs Gain of Assessment – financial impact to the municipality • Impact to municipal road system • Legacy Fund 	<p>Rainy River Resources (RRR) and our consultant understands that the document has of necessity been lengthy in order to meet Federal Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines and Approved Provincial Terms of Reference; and appreciates that the Township of Chapple has made the effort to provide comments.</p> <p>As discussed again on September 10, 2013, RRR will work closely with the Township of Chapple to address these comments to the satisfaction of the Township prior to the Minister of the Environment's decision on the Environmental Assessment in the Spring in 2014.</p>	On-going
2	<p>The Township of Chapple would respectfully request a meeting in the near future with [Kyle Stanfield] and Andrea Bourrie/Planner to discuss these outstanding issues.</p>	<p>As agreed with the Township Council on September 10, 2013 RRR will coordinate meetings with the Township beginning in the fall of 2013 to understand next steps in the tax role planning process in support of Municipal financial planning.</p>	On-going

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Stakeholder: Ontario Federation of Anglers (OFAH)
Point of Contact: Shari Sokay, Land Use Specialist
Comments received: August 19, 2013
Comments regarding: Rainy River Project, Draft Environmental Assessment Report (Ver. 2)

#	COMMENT (abbreviated)	RESPONSE	STATUS*
	On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) ... we have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and have provided our questions and comments below.		
1	The location and scale of the proposed development will undoubtedly result in significant impacts to fish and fish habitat ... Developments are often permitted under a blanket statement that there will be “no negative impacts” or “no net loss” ... avoidance must take priority over compensation and mitigation measures.	<p>Priority for avoidance where practical has been preferred, and has driven to a large extent the current site plan, which is focussed within the Pinewood River watershed.</p> <p>Rainy River Resources (RRR) has been working diligently with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to develop an approach to the Rainy River Project (RRP) that avoids and minimizes environmental impacts. This has included establishment of a working group on this topic.</p>	Complete
2	The Project is located within Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 5 which has identified Walleye, Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass as the top three preferred species, and all three if these species have been identified within the Project location. FMZ 5 is a popular fishing destination with a staggering \$48.4 million spent annually on recreational fishing alone.	The importance of recreational fishing to the region has been acknowledged by RRR, although not within the natural environmental local study area (NLSA). The local streams that will be directly affected by the RRP do not currently or have historically supported a significant sport-fishery. RRR has acknowledged the potential importance of the local streams to forage base production for sport-fish outside of the NLSA and strategies to minimize this impact and potentially enhance the potential for forage base production (e.g. baitfish habitat) are currently being discussed with DFO and MNR.	Complete

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3	Section 7.21.1.1 addresses the effects of potential releases of heavy metals its affect on human health...Although OFAH acknowledges that the impacts of heavy metals (such as mercury, cadmium and lead) are predicted to be very low, the OFAH does not support the rationale provided for human health risks. Although a particular area may not currently be receiving much fishing pressure, there is always the potential for an area to become more accessible and gain in popularity, for fish to emigrate from the area, and of course for heavy metals to be accumulated through other species such as fish-eating waterfowl.	While we acknowledge the OFAH comment, with the mineral waste and water management proposed for the RRP as described in the Draft EA Report, the potential health risk related to the RRP from humans ingesting fish or waterfowl is considered negligible due to low source strength and the general lack of an ingestion pathway. All excess water discharges from the mine will meet very stringent requirements to meet water quality limits for the protection of aquatic life.	Complete
4	In conclusion, the OFAH has concerns regarding the potential for impacts to local fish and fish habitat. The OFAH acknowledges that the existing models do not predict a significant accumulation of heavy metal; however, we would strongly recommend that a Ministry of Environment (MOE) Environmental Effects Monitoring Program be implemented to ensure that any discharges, or other environmental effects, remain below model predictions and safe consumption guidelines.	The RRP will be subject to the Federally-regulated Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and will be required to conduct intensive Environmental Effects Monitoring, in addition to other types of environmental monitoring required by the Provincial and Federal government by various environmental approvals and authorizations. Regular weekly water quality sampling will be augmented with monthly and quarterly sampling both near the mine as well as in downstream and reference locations as part of an intensive monitoring program.	Complete
5	The OFAH also requests to remain engaged throughout any subsequent project phases.	RRR would be please to retain OFAH on its contact list.	On-going Vol 2 Sec 2.1

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Stakeholder: Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC)
Point of Contact: (not stated)
Comments received: August 19, 2013
Comments regarding: Rainy River Project, Draft Environmental Assessment Report (Ver. 2)

#	COMMENT (abbreviated)	RRR RESPONSE	STATUS*
	The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and provide comment on those sections that apply to the community's interest in the proposed mines relationship to economic growth.		
1	Section 7.19.1.4: The Town of Fort Frances has experienced a partial closure of their main industry a pulp and paper manufacture ... The Town therefore has a labour market with available semi-skilled, skilled and professional workers. This labour force will likely be within geographic reach by the fall of 2014 but any delays in the anticipated opening date would negatively impact the availability of these workers who will likely relocate to opportunities elsewhere.	RRR and our consultant appreciate this information and will consider it within our Project development plan as pertinent.	Complete
2	Section 7.19.1.5 Business Opportunities: The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee are pleased to see the general commitment to hiring and purchasing locally ... believe that opportunity exists to expand the local economic impact of the proposed mine. To maximize this benefit for the community of Fort Frances and Rainy River District....suggest that Rainy River resources include the estimated local procurement to the figures identified in the Draft Environmental Assessment; and work with the Economic Development Office to achieve and exceed these figures.	At this time, the Project development plans are not sufficiently progressed to estimate the benefit more accurately than already portrayed in the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR would be pleased to work with the Economic Development Office to maximize local hiring and purchasing as practical going forward.	On-going

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3	<p>Section 7.19.1.8 Human Capital: The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee is pleased to see RRR's accessing the local College facility and working with District partners to ensure that the labour force is prepared for the opportunities that the new mine will present.</p>	Comment noted with appreciation.	Complete
4	<p>Section 7.20.1 Demographics and Population: The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee believe that the community will accommodate the new population with no strain ... Including underdeveloped lots, the community likely has more than 40 lots available for potential sales.</p>	RRR appreciates this information and is looking forward to working with the Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee with the development of the RRP.	Complete

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APPENDIX D-3b

**STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE**



COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)
Comments Received from the Public and RRGP Responses

Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: Glenda Weir
Comments Dated: November 14, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I am for this project going through as this area needs diversification in its industry.	Noted.	MOE ok with response.	Thank-you for your comments.
2	However, as a resident who read the initial environmental assessment, I was concerned that the spring water aquifers we use for residential and farm use were not mentioned. We are lucky enough to have spring fed water that is a consistent 4 degree Celsius in summer or winter, is delicious tasting and of consistent flow rates. Water not used in our home, fills our pond and eventually flows into the Rainy River through tap ditches.	The EA Report will be made available for public comment in the spring of 2013 and will address both surface and groundwater uses.	Refer to specific sections in the ToR that states that potential impacts to both surface water and groundwater will be addressed in the EA.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to surface water and groundwater.
3	Prior to getting a mortgage on the property, the water was tested. I would like to be ensured that the water flow or quality will not be impacted by this project. I would like to know if we should start testing water samples to ensure we are not exposed to any contaminants and what testing should be done. I would like to know that there will be no leaching into the ground water from tailings piles for years to come.	The EA Report will include an assessment of both surface and groundwater.	Please respond to the question about whether or not the resident should begin testing water samples and concern about leaching into the groundwater.	RRR does not feel it is appropriate to direct whether or not the land owner should test their water supply. They may do so if they wish, but there is no technical reason related to the RRGp for the testing to occur. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater, which will include seepage from the tailings management area. Until the technical work and modelling is completed as part of the EA report preparation, RRR is not able to fully answer the question regarding leaching from the TMA. RRR will ensure that his comment is addressed in the EA report. Table 14 of the Amended Proposed ToR, has identified that RRR acknowledges there is the potential for impacts to water quality from release of effluent and seepage from the TMA which will be assessed in the EA report.



COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)
Comments Received from the Public and RRR Responses

Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: Rick Neilson
Comments Dated: November 26, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I will start by saying that, from conversation with Kyle Stanfield at the open house in Emo, Ontario, I understand that the Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout on page 10 of the document needs work with regard to the Tailings Management Area. I was disheartened to see that the TMA had moved from touching the corner of our property in the draft ToR to actually bordering our property along ~ 700 metres. Upon reading the document, I took false comfort in my understanding that there was to be a 1km buffer around the whole of the project. I am sorry that I cannot find the reference to the buffer now but from my conversation with David Simms from AMEC, at the Emo open-house, I understand that there is no buffer in this particular area.	Noted. As discussed at your home on December 5, 2012, we will continue to work with you concerning buffers.	Not responding to concern about the TMA being closer to the resident's property. Has the TMA moved from its location? Why or why did it not move? Is there a 1km buffer and if not why? How will this concern be addressed in the EA? Is this concern documented in the ToR?	<p>Thank-you for your comments.</p> <p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process.</p> <p>In addition, to the meeting on December 5, 2012, RRR has committed to meeting with Mr. Neilson again during the EA process</p> <p>RRR has not made a commitment to ensure a 1 km buffer around the RRGp site and it is unfortunate that there is a misunderstanding in this regard. The TMA location is consistent with all information provided to the public to date, and is generally smaller than what was initially envisaged. The location of the TMA has been modified over time to avoid Species at Risk habitat as practical and per the strong preference of the Ministry of Natural Resources.</p> <p>Nonetheless, RRR is cognizant of the concerns of our nearby neighbour and have committed to work diligently to mitigate impacts from the TMA as practical.</p> <p>These mitigation measures proposed and the means by which this preferred location will be provided in the EA document as committed to in Sections 5.4.6 and 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR.</p>



COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)
Comments Received from the Public and RRG P Responses

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
2	My house, which is mistakenly marked as “Building – Unknown Use” is less than 1 km from the TMA. Furthermore, my wilderness cabin, not marked on the plan, is no more than 100 metres from the TMA. Both of these buildings should be marked “Residence – House” on the plan. The guest cabin is occasionally used as lodging for longer and shorter term guests and was built for that purpose.	Our files will be updated.	This correction should be made in the ToR.	Figure 2 has been revised to modify the data source file from the Ministry of Natural Resources and included in the Amended Proposed ToR. In relation to the assessment of environmental impacts in the EA reports, such as those related to air quality, sound etc., RRR will ensure that the buildings are appropriately identified. For that reason, we greatly appreciate that Mr. Neilson has identified his buildings as to their purpose for us, given his close proximity.
3	Sec 5.4.6 of the Proposed ToR suggests “Selection of a site immediately Northwest of the open pit.” and puts that forth as the preferred site. Further, Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management alternatives says “Surface TMA located proximal to the open pit (northwest of the open pit preferred). It should be noted that the Preliminary Site Plan locates the TMA 2 km northwest of the open pit – neither immediately Northwest or proximal to the open pit. Immediately to the Northwest of the pit is proposed as overburden and mine rock.	Noted.	Please confirm if this observation is correct and what will be done to correct it? Revision to the ToR required?	Section 5.4.6 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised as a result of this observation. In relation to a mineral development, development of a TMA within a few kilometres of an open pit / processing plant would be considered reasonably proximal although it might not seem so to a member of the general public. It is indeed not immediately to the northwest as this area was not preferred by the Ministry of Natural Resource due to the presence of Species at Risk habitat.
4	Sec 5.4.6 (top of pg 21) also speaks of “the need to capture a sufficient area of upstream watershed to be able to maintain a water cover on the deposited tailings...” but as proposed, the TMA is at the top of the Loslo creek watershed and in fact takes in some of the McCallum Creek* watershed. Drainage across Hwy 600 near Jones Rd (Southwest of large pond) is not shown on the Preliminary Site Plan but is visible on Google Earth. The northern limit of the TMA	The TMA will not absorb any part of the McCallum Creek watershed. Dam structure locations will be detailed in the EA Report.	The TMA will be designed to absorb water from another watershed? Please provide a more fulsome response to the commentator.	Extensive mapping has been completed by qualified hydrologists of the watersheds utilized in the project design. In addition, a detailed LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) survey was conducted to determine precise local topography to allow identification of surface water flow paths. As indicated in our original response, the TMA will not absorb any part of the McCallum Creek watershed.



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Comments Received from the Public and RRGp Responses

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
	<p>is no more than 1 km from the north end of McCallum Creek with the ground sloping to the north from the TMA. *local name for Jones Creek.</p>			<p>Mr. Neilson is correct that the TMA is located near the top of the watershed. Modelling however, indicates that a water cover post-operations, is attainable in part (and as per the proposed preferred closure design approach being proposed for comment).</p> <p>Section 5.4.6 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to more clearly state this objective.</p> <p>Further detail will be provided in the EA Report as appropriate regarding the maintenance of a longterm partial cover over the TMA, and particularly in relation to the Closure Plan.</p>
5	<p>Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management Alternatives: "Alternative tailings management methods, such as thickened tailings or tailings co-deposited with mine rock". I would like to see that alternative seriously considered, immediately Northwest of the open pit for the following reason: This project is from beginning to end is being driven by high gold prices which have very little to do with gold as a commodity. The demand is being driven by uncertainty about the global economy and, as such, is subject to unpredictability. Throughout the life of the mine, there is the distinct possibility that gold prices could fall or costs rise and the project become uneconomic to continue. It seems most likely that if operations are suspended, the first reaction would be to wait for more favourable economics and hope to resume operations.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Is AMEC considering another TMA method? Not clear. If AMEC is committing to consider and assess another alternative in the EA this commitment needs to be documented in the revised ToR.</p> <p>Please respond comment regarding operations being suspended as a result of fall or rise of gold costs.</p>	<p>Table 1 of the Proposed ToR indicates a commitment to consider alternative tailings management methods consistent with Mr. Neilson's request. This commitment remains in the Amended Proposed ToR.</p> <p>Like any industrial establishment, should project economics change for whatever reason, there is the potential that an industrial establishment could close temporarily or permanently. That is certainly been shown to be the case for the forestry industry in northwestern Ontario.</p> <p>RRR has based its approach to development of the RRGp deposit on industry-standard, longterm gold price estimation. The accuracy of metal prices including gold prices cannot be guaranteed; nor can it be guaranteed that a suspension of the RRGp at sometime due to metal prices will not occur.</p>



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#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
				<p>Taxpayers in Ontario are uniquely protected from the inherent volatility in mineral industry and in regards to mine development, as mining companies must post cash, bond or another form of financial surety deemed acceptable to the Minister of Finance, for the reclamation of the mining project, before construction starts / the environmental impact occurs. This is a non-negotiable, legal requirement of the <i>Mining Act</i>. Similarly, the Closure Plan for the Project which is required before construction starts must identify actions to be taken in the circumstance of Project suspension (such as due to a significant metal price change).</p>
6	<p>The problem with that is that while everyone is waiting for more favourable conditions, the waste rock will be exposed to the elements and generating contaminants.</p> <p>Assuming that the clay is quite impervious, as seems to be generally agreed, it should be possible to suspend operations at low cost with a relatively easy restart, by encasing the mine rock/tailings in clay. If, on the other hand, all goes as planned and the mine continues for its expected life, or beyond, that is all well and good and Richardson Township will have a lake and a mountain or two.</p>	Noted.	Please provide a fulsome response to the comment.	<p>Please see the response above.</p> <p>Mining companies are not allowed to abrogate their responsibilities in regards to environmental management during periods of suspension (if any), and environmental compliance for any environmental approvals must continue to be achieved.</p> <p>There are a number of reasons why a mine could go into suspension, some of which are quite temporary (days to weeks) and others that are longer term. Information available to date, and as will be provided in the EA Report, indicates that a suspension of tens of years will be required until mine rock could pose an environmental concern - which could be readily mitigated by placing a low permeability cover over the material should a longer term suspension of operations be envisaged.</p> <p>As indicated above the <i>Mining Act</i> requires</p>



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#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
				that the Closure Plan provide information regarding environmental protection during periods of Mine Suspension.
7	Final Point: I feel very strongly that it is important to preserve some of the area adjacent to the project so that: Nature can creep back into the site post-closure.	Noted.	How is AMEC preserving the area adjacent to the project during the lifespan of the project?	<p>RRR has been in discussion with Mr. Neilson regarding his suggestion. It should be noted that the entire footprint of the RRR-held lands will not be impacted directly or indirectly by the mine development. These peripheral lands could be the source of the "nature creep" suggested.</p> <p>It should be noted that the majority of the lands adjacent to the RRGP are in private hands and are not within the control of RRR. For that reason, it is not possible to immediately resolve this comment although RRR will continue to work with Mr. Neilson on this aspect.</p>
8	McCallum Creek is relatively unspoiled and protecting this watershed will in some ways mitigate loss of the other waterways. RRR can be seen as caring for the land and can use that fact to promote goodwill within the area and their industry.	Noted.	What is RRR doing to preserve the McCallum Creek during the lifespan of the project?	<p>The region surrounding the RRGP site land is heavily impacted by historic and ongoing farming operations. A portion of the farmlands are returning to scrub and successional forest communities, including in some cases small, desegregated wetlands; however, in RRR's opinion, the area cannot reasonably be considered unspoiled.</p> <p>Nonetheless per Figure 2, RRR is committed to maintaining a compact footprint, and there are currently no facilities proposed in the McCallum Creek watershed (which is located dominantly west of Highway 600 / Pine River Road).</p>



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Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: Bob Olson
Comments Dated: November 3, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE Response	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	<p>I spent my entire working life in the mining industry, first in Atikokan then in the Kamloops BC area. Different mineral types, using different reagents, but almost always the two things that stood out for me was this. Safety for the workforce itself was number one, followed closely by environmental concerns. Ground water is the arteries of the earth, keep it safe by close monitoring and the earth and environment will take care of itself. Thank you!!</p> <p>This area needs the economic boost just do it with the necessary safeguards in place. I live in Bergland and would love to see an operating mine in the area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>RRR believes that safety for the workforce is critical to the project success.</p> <p>RRR also believes that the RRGP will be designed, construction, operation and closed in a manner that will continue to earn your support.</p>	<p>What is RRR doing to protect, mitigate and minimize impacts to the groundwater during the lifespan of the project?</p>	<p>Thank-you for your comments.</p> <p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process.</p> <p>Section 7.2.1 and Section 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to groundwater.</p> <p>Section 7.2.1 and Section 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will identify proposed mitigation measures for identified potential impacts to groundwater.</p>



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Stakeholder: Individual
 Point of Contact: Donelda DeLaRonde
 Comments Dated: November 19, 2012

General comment from MOE: Stating that 'this information will be provided in the EA report is not a response to the comment being made. More specific responses are required. If AMEC is committing to doing something in the EA that is not already committed to in the TOR, the ToR needs to be amended to include this new commitment.

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1	More meaningful consultation should have been done with property owners that are located near the proposed mine site.	Noted. Additional discussions are underway.	What consultation was done with the property owners during the development of the ToR? What additional consultation will be done during the development of the EA? Provide more details here.	<p>Thank-you for your comments.</p> <p>Notices of all public open house meetings were given through the local newspapers and letters to the RRGP area landowners. Details of notification and distribution are summarized in Appendix E of the Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings.</p> <p>Rainy River Resources has had extensive discussions with area land owners within and immediately adjacent to the project footprint over the past 3 years and particularly within the past 6 months. The discussions have led to the company purchasing the land of property owners within and immediately adjacent to the project footprint. Such landowners with residences are in the process of moving to newly purchased properties elsewhere. The company is also in discussions with additional property owners with residences proximal to the proposed project in pursuit of additional real estate transactions. We would expect to close such additional real estate transactions during the course of the EA process.</p>



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2	Pg 5 – please provide additional information regarding “ <i>conventional whole ore cyanidation for gold recovery</i> ” including process description, potential environmental and health impacts (including impacts of consuming wildlife), reasoning for using this method, alternatives	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	Explain how the ToR describes the potential impacts that will be assessed in the EA, methods and alternatives. Refer to appropriate section of the ToR.	<p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Conventional whole ore cyanidation for gold recovery is as stated, a standard (ie. "conventional") means of whole ore processing and is an industry standard, processing method for gold ore.</p> <p>The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized."</p> <p>Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This will include further details regarding ore processing.</p> <p>Section 5.3.5 of the Amended Proposed ToR has also been revised to include assessment of alternative gold ore processing methods, which will address the aspects requested.</p>
3	What volume of water is anticipated to be needed during mining operations? What is the water source? After recycling, etc., what volume of water will be returned? What will be the condition of the water? (i.e. looking for an answer that describes the condition rather than stating it falls within acceptable limits)	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	I believe some of this information is available in the ToR, please provide a response and specify where in the TOR this information can be found.	<p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process.</p> <p>The description of the undertaking as</p>



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				<p>required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This will include those aspects requested in this comment.</p> <p>Section 5.4.7 of Proposed ToR provides the general approach to water management.</p>
4	How much power will be required to run the mining operation? Will this have an impact on power for residents?	This information will be provided in the EA Report. There is no impact on residential power foreseen.	I believe some of this information is available in the ToR, please provide a response and specify where in the TOR this information can be found.	<p>The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized."</p> <p>Nonetheless, the mine has a planned power requirement of 54 megawatts when in full production. Section 5.3.11 of the Amended Proposed ToR provides information regarding the anticipated power requirement.</p> <p>There will be no impact on power to local residents and a dedicated transmission line is the preferred alternative (as per Section 5.4.11 of the Proposed ToR).</p>



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5	Existing road access – will this change and if so, how? Please provide a description of proposed road changes e.g. Highway 600	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	Answer the comment. Discuss the proposed alternatives road alternatives that will be assessed in the EA and reference where in the ToR it describes this.	<p>Section 5.3.12 of the Proposed ToR indicates that a number of alternative routings for Highway 600 will be assessed in the EA report. These are shown in Figure 3 and Appendix C.</p> <p>Section 5.4.12 of the Proposed ToR indicates that "access will be retained or otherwise provided to the limited number of properties directly affected by this re-alignment, including properties on Marr Road, north of the RRGP site."</p> <p>At a number of locations in the Proposed ToR, it is indicated that the Highway 600 re-alignment will be a gravel-surfaced road. Table 1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that the design must comply with Ministry of Transportation standards.</p>
6	What testing has been done on local wells/ water supplies and how will this be monitored to ensure wells are not contaminated?	An extensive groundwater assessment program is underway. Further information will be provided in the EA Report.	Did AMEC/RRR not do some testing already, if so, please summarize the results and reference appropriate section in the ToR?	<p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. It is not intended to provide detailed baseline environmental data.</p> <p>Baseline data will be provided in EA report for groundwater aspects, as it will be provided for all other environmental aspects. Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR provides a commitment by RRR to provide copies of the baseline studies which inform the EA document with the EA</p>



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7	How will it affect the ground water table and the flowing ground water?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>As part of maintaining a safe working environment dewatering is required of the overburden and bedrock at the proposed mine, which will temporarily lower the groundwater table and could affect groundwater flow paths. Section 6.5.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that groundwater modelling is underway to assess potential environmental impacts.</p> <p>Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater.</p>
8	How will the diversions of this water system affect the ground water table and the flowing ground water?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>Please see responses above.</p> <p>Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater.</p>
9	What a cumulative effects will there be on the wetlands, and the Species at Risk animals, plants, fish etc.	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to the natural environment, and this will include wetlands, Species at Risk animal, plants, fish and other components of the terrestrial and aquatic environment.</p> <p>Until the environmental assessment is prepared it is not possible to fully answer this question, but these aspects will be addressed in the EA Report.</p>
10	To what extent is diesel fuel usage anticipated?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized."</p> <p>Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed</p>



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				undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This comprehensive description will include fuel and other chemical usage.
11	Data appears to be focused on Barwick area – where does Finland fit into all this?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>Section 6.1 of the proposed ToR and Amended Proposed ToR provides a description of the local and regional study areas (natural and human environment). Finland and Barwick are both located within study areas for the RRGP.</p> <p>There is no additional detail provided in the comment other than what is provided in the table, including what data is being referred to. Respectfully, it is therefore not possible to provide a more fulsome response than that given above.</p>
12	Pg 35 – it is noted that a zoning bylaw amendment may be required – more detail please	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>Section 11.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates under Municipal Approvals that a zoning amendment may or may not be required. Per Section 11.1 of the Proposed ToR, the Township is currently revising the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and as a result, it is not possible to provide more definition than already in the Proposed ToR:</p> <p>"In 2011 the Township of Chapple initiated a legislated review of the Official Plan and Zoning By law, and released a draft version of the revised plan in February 2012 (Township of Chapple 1998, 1997, 2012). The 1997 Official Plan and Zoning By-law; however, remains in place and designates the RRGP area as rural, with some conservation - environmental protection area and industrial sites. The RRGP site and infrastructure corridors generally have a rural designation; however, the TMA and open pit overlap with rural and conservation-environmental protection</p>



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				<p>areas.</p> <p>RRGP has received very strong Municipal government, as well as First Nations support to date. Municipal approvals / request for a variation to the Township of Chapple official plan, may or may not be required. If possible, additional detail will be provided in the EA Report.</p>
13	Noise and air pollution	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and Table 14 of the Amended Proposed ToR), has identified that RRR acknowledges there is the potential for noise and air quality effects related to the RRGP, which will be assessed in the EA report.</p> <p>There is no additional detail provided in the comment other than what is provided in the table. It therefore not possible to provide a more fulsome response.</p>
14	Production of gold doré bars containing minor silver content. Will silver bars be processed at the plant, and what chemicals will be used in this process?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	<p>There will be no silver bars processed / produced in the plant (and hence there are no related chemicals).</p>



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Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: George Emes
Comments Dated: November 2, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I would like to emphasize the importance of this project to our Rainy River District and that there is wide spread support for the program to advance, from the members of the community. While, I, in no way, wish to lessen the value of the Environmental studies as they are imperative to the well being of our area, I would ask that all due consideration be given to helping this project to completion	Comments appreciated and noted.	MOE is satisfied with response	Thank-you for your comments.



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Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: George Gallinger
Comments Dated: November 12, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	How can my name be used as supporting the project, as it was at a local meeting in Nester Falls, when I haven't even be consulted about the project by anyone from Rainy River Resources. I just got to see a copy of the report now one that my sister received.	Noted.	Please respond by apologizing for using the person's name as supporting the project falsely. Please state that the ToR is being amended to include this correction.	With apologies, but we have do not have a record of your name being used to support the Project. If that was the case at a local meeting, we do apologize, but believe it was an honest mistake. We have not indicated in the Proposed ToR or any other documentation to our knowledge that Mr. Gallinger is in support of the Project.
2	My property is ½ east mile from the mine rock stock pile site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How high will this rock stock pile be • What kind of dust will there be blowing over and onto my property • What contaminates • What type of chemicals • How far will this dust carry • Will it affect vegetation • What will the noise level be from the crusher, the mining activity and the trucks dumping the overburden and rocks at this site? • What type of emissions will be coming out of the smelter? • Type of toxins? • Chemicals? • Water consumption? • How much water will they be using in their mining process? • Where are they getting this water from? • What chemicals will be in the water in the holding ponds? • Where will the water treatment plant be? 	Details of the project design and environmental safety mitigations will be provided in the EA Report.	Some of these questions can only be responded to once project design is determined; however, some of the questions can be addressed in the ToR process. Please respond to those questions where AMEC has an answer for, for instance, where is RRR getting their water from. Refer the ToR where possible. And further discuss how the EA will consider the potential impacts and assess the potential impacts in detail and an opportunity to comment on that assessment will be made available to the public.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. The comprehensive description will include the aspects requested. Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), preliminary the potential environmental impacts of the RRG P.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will this affect wild life that drinks this water? • How are the ponds going to be protected from over flow during extreme rain storms? • How will this affect the water table and wells in the area? I have a flowing well on my property. • Has the area been checked out for endangered species, animals, plants and birds? • The Bobolink, Whippoorwill, eastern cougar, turtles, • The trillium, lady slipper? • If so by whom, when and what are their qualifications? • Did they actually go onto the land and check? 			<p>Section 6 of the Proposed ToR provides a summary of the animals, plants, birds and including Species at Risk. Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR provides a commitment by RRR to provide copies of the baseline studies which inform the EA document with the EA</p> <p>All of these environmental baseline studies have been completed by qualified professionals of reputable consulting firms. Per Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR: "Studies to date have been completed using standard field protocol and scientific methodology, to accurately document areal and temporal variability".</p> <p>The specific methodology of the studies is provided in the baseline studies that will be included with the EA report; but yes, there have been a large number of in-field investigations over a period of five years, supplemented as appropriate by published reports and desktop studies.</p>
3	<p>I have been hunting on my property for over fifty years. It is a tradition for my son (whom I taught to hunt on that property) myself and other members of my family and friends go hunting there every year. I now have grand children who I was looking forward to being able to teach them to hunt there as well. My family has been in the Finland area for over 100 years, and now Rainy River Resources will be changing the face of the landscape forever. Therefore I am very concerned about how this mining project is going to affect my property. I was also considering building my retirement home on my property, but now with the rock pile that will</p>	<p>Noted. RRR will continue on-going discussions with you and your family.</p>	<p>Answer concerns about visual aesthetic and how impacts to his property will be minimized through. . . Discuss further consultations that will be taking place with affected property owners during the development of the EA.</p>	<p>RRR will continue on-going direct discussions with you and your family such as the real estate discussions that have been occurring.</p> <p>It is not possible to develop the RRGp without changes to the local topography and the development of mineral waste stockpiles. In order to reduce the footprint of the Project, stockpiles will of necessity be higher than the local topography and will affect the current views.</p> <p>The Proposed ToR has been amended (Section 5.2.2 of the Amended Proposed</p>



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	<p>be visible from my property, the noise, the dust from all the mining activity the quiet country life free of noise and stress will most likely not be an option on the property that has belonged to my family for over 60 years.</p>			<p>ToR) to include and assessment of potential effects on local residents during the assessment of alternatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of property values • Maintenance or improvement of income opportunities • Maintenance or provision of local access • Attainment of noise by-law guidelines, and /or background sound levels if already above the guidelines • Non-interference with water well supply systems • Potential for general disturbance and adverse affects on aesthetics • Potential for adverse health and safety effects



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Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: Alessandra Massaro
Comments Dated: November 23, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I am worried about the cyanide that will be used in the ore-refining process as well as the two tailing waste management facilities: the potentially acid generating (PAG) and the non-acid generating (NAG) containment dams. In theory only the PAG dam would be completely cut off from the environment to prevent acid rain and other forms of pollution, while the NAG dam would be open to the atmosphere with a protective lining to prevent leaching. The guidelines must specify that monitoring pH levels on the NAG dam is necessary, with a temporary closure available if pH levels get too low. This would help to ensure the safety of our water and air quality. Leaching is another problem seen in other mine tailing containment areas and a monitoring program should be required by guidelines to ensure that the containment dam lining is adequate and will prevent possible leaks.	Thanks for your follow-up comments from your November 23, 2012 e-mail. New mines are the subject of very stringent environmental and safety compliance laws. The EA Report will contain an assessment of residual project effects.	Reference the appropriate section that states that these potential impacts will be assessed further in the EA.	<p>Thank-you for providing your comments.</p> <p>The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process.</p> <p>Alternative ore processing methods, including non-cyanide recovery methods, will be considered in the EA report, per Section 5.3.5 of the Amended Proposed ToR.</p> <p>There are very strict legislative requirements in Ontario which govern the use of cyanide in the ore, design of tailings management areas, as well as approval of mining projects where acid generating materials may be of concern.</p> <p>Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Ms Massaro which will be addressed in the EA Report.</p>
2	In a technical report compiled by SRK Consulting, it was mentioned that some of tailings waste water would not be treated (other than cyanide removal) before being released back into the environment [3]. As the nearby streams and rivers are not classified as fishing waters, this action is deemed acceptable. I believe that the duty	Noted.	Please respond to the comment. Confirm or deny what the commentator is saying about some of the wastewater not being treated. What is RRR doing in the EA that will assess these potential impacts, mitigate and monitor. Reference the appropriate section in the ToR that speaks these potential impacts and what work will be done in the	<p>The SRK technical report was an early engineering report for the RRGP that was not prepared from an environmental perspective / for an environmental audience per se. This document is not part of the Proposed ToR, nor is it intended to inform the EA report as the information contained that is out of date.</p>



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	of the EIS guidelines is to ensure the environmental safety of all our habitats and precious freshwater and so these effluent waters should be monitor for toxic substances.		EA.	<p>All effluent released to the environment, including from the tailings management area, must meet the strict effluent quality requirements in Ontario. Section 11 identifies the other environmental approvals required for construction, operation and reclamation of the proposed mine.</p> <p>Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Ms Massaro, which will be addressed in the EA Report.</p>
3	The EIS guidelines entail proponents to include a viable alternative to creating these "Tailings Impoundment Areas" in natural bodies of water [1], I believe that this is extremely important and would only add that the guidelines include that the proponents must propose alternatives that are also economically feasible.	Noted.	Please respond to comment. Not sure if noted means that RRR will include this alternative in the EA?	<p>The Federal EIS Guidelines were not available as of the time of the Proposed ToR preparation. The EIS Guidelines are prepared by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the proponent does not propose the Guidelines, nor have the ability to alter the guidelines.</p> <p>Ms. Massaro is correct that the assessment of viable alternatives for Tailings Impoundment Area per the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations must propose alternatives that are economically feasible (and as consistent with the proposed methodology described in Section 5.1 of the Proposed ToR.)</p> <p>RRR has indicated that the assessment of mineral waste alternatives will be compliant with the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (Section 5.3.4 and 5.3.6).</p>
4	Kyle Stanfield P. Eng., Vice President of Environment & Sustainability at Rainy River Resources, assures that the Rainy River Gold Project is designed to have full environmental closure, which ensures that site restoration funds are provided to the	Noted.	Please provide a complete response to the comment being made.	As indicated by Ms. Massaro, RRR has committed to having funds provided up front for reclamation before construction, to address the cost of reclamation. This is a legal requirement in Ontario and industry best practice.



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	<p>government of Canada upfront before any project construction begins. I hope that any added costs that were not initially forecasted would still be required to be covered by Rainy River Resources, and that a penalty or fine would be administered if this cost isn't covered and the site isn't restored to its full potential.</p>			<p><i>The Mining Act</i> requires that these funds are held by the Minister of Finance until such time as reclamation is completed to the satisfaction of the government as represented by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. In addition, there is a legal requirement that the Closure Plan be maintained as an accurate, living document. The amount of funds held the government is revised during any Closure Plan Amendment and "topped up" if deemed appropriate, periodically during the mine life.</p> <p>Hence, the scenario suggested is not possible in Ontario.</p>
5	<p>One extremely important guideline that I had not seen included in this EIS guideline summary is a detailed requirement of "follow-up". There needs to be plans outlined in the EIS guidelines for follow-up reports entailing that estimations of environmental effects were accurate, or if they were not, how they should be mitigated due to new measurements. If results of these measurements confirm new environmental effects that were not initially predicted, there should be procedures that must be followed which should also be outlined in the EIS guidelines. Guidelines should ensure that non-compliance is not an option. The government should be prepared to administer penalties or fines in the case that procedures and follow-up outlined in the EIS guidelines.</p>	<p>Noted. Please know that permits for various project components have a strong monitoring and reporting component.</p>	<p>Is RRR amending the guidelines to add the follow-up requirement? It's not clear in current response?</p>	<p>The Federal EIS Guidelines were not available as of the time of the Proposed ToR preparation. The Guidelines are prepared and issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and not RRR. RRR is not able to alter the content of the Guidelines.</p> <p>The need for follow-up plans is a standard requirement of the Federal EA process, but details of the follow-up plans are determined through the EA process in conjunction with the Federal agencies, rather than developed in advance by the Proponent.</p>



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Stakeholder: Individual
Point of Contact: Phillip and Cindy Haggberg, Angler's Pro Shop
Comments Dated: November 19, 2012

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	Good morning, i would like to put on record my greavences towards the mining project of RRR. Our family have lived on the Gallinger road in Finland for 12yrs. We have enjoyed it immensely. The quite lifestyle, the hunting and farming. Our life is about to change for the worse. As we are in the path of destruction with overburden being dumped in our backyard. As close as in the next 1/4 section west of our house. RRR says they have a buffer zone. That is not much of a buffer! It would not stop the dust and debreie from being blown around in our clean air.	Noted. The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Has AMEC/RRR consulted with this property owner regarding the project during the development of the ToR? Refer to the ToR where RRR has committed to addressing concerns regarding proximity of the project site to nearby residents in the EA.	<p>Thank you for provided your comments. The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process.</p> <p>Rainy River has met with this property owner and company Legal services are currently discussing a potential real estate transaction.</p> <p>The Proposed ToR has been amended (Section 5.2.2 of the Amended Proposed ToR) to include and assessment of potential effects on local residents during the assessment of alternatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of property values • Maintenance or improvement of income opportunities • Maintenance or provision of local access • Attainment of noise by-law guidelines, and /or background sound levels if already above the guidelines • Non-interference with water well supply systems • Potential for general disturbance and adverse affects on aesthetics • Potential for adverse health and safety effects



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2	And the thought of having such strong chemicals in our air is very scary. Our worry is the quality of our life is being treated with no concern on their part. We talked at meetings and they are more concerned with the animals then the humans. But really they are hurting all of us!!	The use of regulated industrial chemicals will be limited to permitted industrial uses at the RRGP. The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Same as above.	The potential for impact to the human environment, including people will be considered in the EA Report, as identified in Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR.
3	And we are also concerned about our drinking water. the drilling and explosives etc... can effect our water and the supply of it. Proven fact!! Please help us in this fight to have a our great lifestyle back. To leave us here would here would not be good. Mentally or physically.	The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Same as above.	Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Mr. and Ms Haggberg which will be addressed in the EA Report.



APPENDIX D-3c

**STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
(NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO OCTOBER 7, 2013)**

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Air Quality / Climate	443	Presenta-tion	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	The Cattlemen's Association enquired if RRR would be considering air quality.	RRR explained that air quality would be considered as part of the environmental assessment (EA).
Water Resources	443	Presenta-tion	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	The Cattlemen's Association enquired if there would be any water quality problems downstream.	RRR will meet very stringent water quality standards that that are fully compatible with the downstream environment. Water quality will be monitored and compliant with permits that RRR will need to obtain.
Water Resources	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How much water would RRR take from the Pinewood River?	RRR only plans to take a manageable portion of water from the Pinewood River (15 to 20% of the non-winter flow) likely only for 1 year in order to develop an initial water inventory to support mill operations. However, if very dry conditions occurred during that first year, then RRGP might have to take water from the Pinewood River in a second year to build the necessary inventory. All future water would then be collected from site runoff and from mine water that will be collected and managed for water quality. The RRGP will rely on high rates of water recycle to the mill to minimize water needs.
Water Resources	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How will water be managed at site?	RRR reviewed the proposed overall site water treatment and management plans with various individuals. No specific concerns were expressed with regard to these plans.

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Water Resources	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	What would the effects of the Project be on the Pinewood River?	RRR noted that there are two components to this question: water quality and flow protection. For water quality, RRR has developed an integrated water management and treatment plan directed at maintaining provincial water quality objectives (or equivalent) in the Pinewood River for the protection of aquatic life at all times. Additional details were provided about water quality. For river flow protection, there would be some effects, but these would be small and localized and that RRR has designed the system with high rates of water recycle and other measures such as supplying water to the Pinewood River during low flow conditions through the constructed wetland. As a result RRR expects very limited adverse effects to fish and aquatic communities in the Pinewood River.
Wildlife	358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate.
Wildlife	658	Meeting	06/07/2013	A meeting was held to discuss Species at Risk (SAR) and the RRGP. RRR provided an update on New Gold's acquisition of RRR, the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report and the anticipated timeline for the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA). Discussions also related to field surveys and methodology as well	Environment Canada, Individual , Individual - GP, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Trent University, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Discussions related to field surveys and methodology as well as management and protection of potentially affected SAR.	Information discussed will be considered in the preparation of the final EA Report.

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				as management and protection of potentially affected SAR. The final meeting notes were distributed to participants on 13-08-22 and are considered confidential.			
Wildlife	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	The potential for elk had been ignored, and it was heard from others that elk were occasionally sighted in the Project area.	AMEC biologists were aware of elk in the region. Project site specific studies had not identified elk as occurring in the immediate Project area, but noted it was possible that the occasional elk might use the area from time to time. The potential for elk to occur on the property was addressed in the draft EA, noting the potential was very low, as corroborated by MNR radio collar data on the local elk population.
Wildlife	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	With regard to whip-poor-will and development of the net benefit agreement, was RRR just looking at securing bird populations on its existing properties, or was it considering other properties?	Despite Project footprint optimization to minimize effects to whip-poor-will territories, about 17 such territories would be displaced by Project development. As part of the overall net benefit package permitting process, RRR would be looking to secure lands in the general area to protect an equivalent or larger number of whip-poor-will territories through either outright land purchase, or land management agreements with existing land owners. Also in the case of the newly protected territories, these would be augmented through habitat management plans designed to optimize conditions for the birds, and these management plans would be informed by existing and future site research.

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Wildlife	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Why are barn swallows identified as endangered species for the RRGP?	Barn swallows are a listed species under the Species at Risk Act and their presence has been identified in the RRGP area.
Document Reviews							
Draft EA	644	Letter	08/19/2013	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A branch provided comments on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report. Additional comments were received on 13-08-21 but requested to be considered as part of the 13-08-19 submission. Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-20. RRR also provided a copy of the responses via fax to the OFAH Zone A on 13-09-26.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	Comments made by OFAH Zone A can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report.	Formal responses to all written comments received during the consultation on the Draft EA Report (Ver. 2) can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the Final EA Report.

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Draft EA	646	Letter	08/19/2013	The Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) provided comments on the sections of the RRGD Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report pertaining to economic growth. The comments noted that the RRFDC reviewed the Draft EA along with the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory Committee. It was recommended that RRR work with the economic development officer to help maximize the economic benefits to the community. Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-20. RRR noted that they would be willing to arrange a meeting or conference call with technical experts to answer further questions if required as previously discussed with MOE. RRR also provided a copy of responses directly to the RRFDC on 13-09-25.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Ministry of the Environment, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Comments provided by RRFDC can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report.	Formal responses to all written comments received during the consultation on the Draft EA Report (Ver. 2) can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the Final EA Report.
Draft EA	648	Letter	08/19/2013	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) provided comments on RRGD Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report regarding potential impacts to local fish and fish habitat. OFAH recommends that a Ministry of Environment (MOE) Environmental Effects Monitoring Program be implemented to monitor heavy metal accumulation. Responses to comments were provided to the	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Ministry of the Environment, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	Comments provided by OFAH can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report.	Formal responses to all written comments received during the consultation on the Draft EA Report (Ver. 2) can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA Report. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the Final EA Report.

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				Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-26. RRR also provided a copy of the responses to the OFAH on 13-09-26.			
Other	654	E-mail	08/14/2013	RRR received noticed on 13-08-13 from an individual having technical difficulties downloading the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) from the RRR website. RRR responded noting that the Draft EA is a substantial document and may take a while to download. RRR offered alternative viewing locations in Thunder Bay, Fort Frances, Rainy River and Emo and offered to support accessing the Draft EA online.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	Individual noted difficulty accessing the online version of the Draft EA Report.	RRR offered options for viewing print versions of the documents and extended support should the individual wish further assistance in accessing the online version.
Other	647	E-mail	08/21/2013	An individual sent a request to RRR for a one week extension to provide comments on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) due to technical difficulties in accessing the document. RRR responded on 13-08-21.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	An individual sent a request to RRR for a one week extension to provide comments on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) due to technical difficulties in accessing the document.	
Terms of Reference	389	Letter	11/12/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to general chemical, biophysical, and human environment impacts in relation to RRGP operations, negative impacts on hunting activities and visual aesthetics. A response was provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Individual - GP, Ontario Ministry of Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	Comments on the Proposed ToR were related to general chemical, biophysical, and human environment impacts in relation to RRGP operations, negative impacts on hunting activities and visual aesthetics.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.

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Terms of Reference	393	E-mail	11/14/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were in favour of the RRGP and included concerns related to water quality. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Individual - GP, Ontario Ministry of Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	The comments received from the individual on the Proposed ToR were in favour of the RRGP and included concerns related to water quality.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.
Terms of Reference	382	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to public consultation, cyanide use and effects, water use, operational electrical needs, road access, water quality, biophysical and human impacts, Species at Risk, and zoning bylaws. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Individual - GP, Ontario Ministry of Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	The comments received from the individual on the Proposed ToR were related to public consultation, cyanide use and effects, water use, operational electrical needs, road access, water quality, biophysical and human impacts, Species at Risk, and zoning bylaws.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.
Terms of Reference	384	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from two individuals on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to air quality and noise pollution. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Individual - GP, Ontario Ministry of Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	The comments received were related to air quality and noise pollution.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.

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Terms of Reference	390	E-mail	11/23/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to cyanide use, tailings waste management and alternatives, and environmental closure. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Individual - GP, Ontario Ministry of Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	The comments on the Proposed ToR were related to cyanide use, tailings waste management and alternatives, and environmental closure.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.
Terms of Reference	413	Letter	11/26/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to the proximity of Tailings Management Area (TMA) to home property, alternatives related to the TMA and environmental contamination. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	The comments received from the individual on the Proposed ToR were related to the proximity of the TMA to home property, alternatives related to the TMA, and environmental contamination.	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.
Terms of Reference	445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	The Township asked questions about anticipated revenue changes to the Township based on assessments, changes to road ownership and maintenance as the Project progresses, landfill impacts and official plan and zoning by-law amendments. The Township agreed that a municipal planner would be the best avenue for understanding anticipated changes.	RRR re-iterated a previous pledge in November 2012 to pay for half of the municipal landfill study the Township was undertaking. RRR agreed that both Chapple and RRR need to ensure the Project area is appropriately zoned and that the Township and RRR understand what changes can be expected for overall municipal planning purposes. RRR would hire a municipal planner to thoroughly address the Township's questions.
Terms of Reference	435	E-mail	12/06/2012	An individual from Hamilton, Ontario sent an email to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) containing comments on	Hamilton , Ontario Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	Comments received related to protecting the local water quality and mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in SAR and threatened	Comments and responses can be found in Appendix D of the Draft EA.

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				the RRR Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Comments received related to protecting the local water quality and mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in species at risk (SAR) and threatened wildlife. The individual expressed support for the RRGP. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.		wildlife. The individual expressed support for the RRGP.	
Human Environment							
Land and Resource Use	443	Presentation	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	There was general discussion about the property that RRR had purchased. The Cattlemen's Association stated they were very happy with recent discussions surrounding the Community Pasture property and the more readily available pasture that RRR will be providing to District cattle ranchers.	RRR thanked the Cattlemen's Association for their comment.
Land and Resource Use	445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	The Township expressed appreciation to RRR for its contribution towards roads and for cost sharing a landfill study.	RRR expressed thanks and appreciation.
Other	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis, Unknown, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing	I would suggest that the RRGP be called Blackhawk or Barwick Gold Mine as it really is. Give it the credit that it should have now because when the good days are gone people are going to say the hole in the ground was Barwick or Blackhawk or both.	RRR expressed appreciation for the comments, noting that the name was selected some years ago and has been registered with the government agencies. RRR certainly acknowledges the Blackhawk area extensively in documentation and discussions with various agencies.

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				people attended.	Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources		
Socio-Economic	468	Meeting	12/10/2012	RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014.	Adventure Inn, Emo Inn, Harris Hill Resort, La Place Rendez-Vous, Larsson's Camp, Lecuyer's Lodge, Roseberry Runway Bed and Breakfast, Ross' Camp, Tolen's Pelican Landing , Tom Jones Corporation, Unknown Individual, WallaWalla Inn, Rainy River Resources	RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014. Hotel / resort owners were receptive to RRR accommodation plans and appreciative that the company was supporting local business.	RRR will continue to provide information to local accommodation providers as appropriate.
Socio-Economic	358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate.
Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Suggest that RRR commit to increasing its level of procurement in the Rainy River District if possible. Along with this, RRFDC would like to see the company provide more information on its procurement processes.	RRR will continue to work hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses.
Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Suggested RRR work with the RRFDC to review the procurement needs of the mine from the initial construction period through operating life of the mine. This would greatly assist the RRFDC in encouraging local businesses to expand or in attracting companies from across Canada to locate within the region to service the mine. RRFDC would like RRR to work with the RRFDC to maximize the economic benefits of the project for the District.	RRR will continue to work hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met. A meeting was arranged to discuss some related points.

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Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Suggested a report on what the expected impacts and demands will be on local infrastructure. Would also like to have RRR develop a mechanism for providing reliable information to the region's municipalities so municipalities can make strategic decisions for such infrastructure as housing, sewer and water, roads, land fill etc.	Effects on local infrastructure will be included in the EA Report. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met.
Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Suggested that RRR develop a Legacy Fund for the future development of the region. For example, so many dollars per ounce towards the fund for the life of the mine.	Noted and will be considered as part of the mitigation / enhancement strategies presented in the EA report.
Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	Suggested RRR support the development of a process, in conjunction with local and senior governments, to transition some of the Resolute Forest Products employees recently laid off to potential mine employees.	Noted.
Socio-Economic	462	Survey	12/12/2012	RRR and AMEC conducted a socio-economic interview with the Township of Emo. Discussions focused on economic development, employment opportunities, and community building.	Town of Emo, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Discussions focused on economic development, employment opportunities, and community building. It was noted that the RRGP is seen as a positive opportunity for the community and its residents and the Town of Emo is pleased to have an RRR office located there.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	443	Presentation	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	The Cattlemen's Association provided an update on the abattoir in Emo. They stated that they hope there's an opportunity for RRR or its employees to support the abattoir by shopping locally.	RRR thanked the Association for the discussion and stated that RRR is very supportive of local business.

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Socio-Economic	459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Treaty 3 Police Services, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	It is believed that the Project will have a positive effect because of the increased employment.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	434	Survey	12/13/2012	RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC). Data was collected on existing mining services, local business capacity, workforce demographics, and RRFDC's vision for the community.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	RRFDC shared information on existing mining services in the area and the potential for these businesses to provide goods and services to RRGP. Local business expansion capacity was discussed as well as ways to structure procurement policies and process to facilitate local contract opportunities. Workforce demographics, including expected outcomes of the Resolute Forest Products' mill closure on employment and local economy were shared. RRFDC requested an information session in Fort Frances and noted that the Town of Fort Frances is hopeful that the RRGP will be realized and will continue to provide support to assure that outcome.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The timing of the RRGP does not suggest an overwhelming demand on health services. 2) There has been an increase in demand in all program areas. Higher demands for mental health services is believed to be attributed to increased awareness (media) and reduced stigma associated mental health issues.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

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Socio-Economic	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Challenges facing Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association include maintaining available skill sets and sustaining a clinical HR program to handle employment vacancies.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The rate of drug addiction in this region is the highest in Ontario on all indicators including highest risk due to consumption rates. 2) We don't have the resources to deal with the demand. We expect that there will be more demands on Emo once the mine enters construction and operations. It will take time and resources (physical, human and fiscal (operating and capital)) before the Emo Health Centre can return to having an Emergency Department.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Suggested broadening the discussion to include Fort Frances and other stakeholders.	RRR accepted this idea.
Socio-Economic	453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC), AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The UNFC noted a growing demand on all programs, especially in education and employment. 2) UNFC anticipates more demand for the employment and homelessness programs and expects to see a greater number of working poor who need support in paying rent and food. It is unknown how long the demands will remain high as a result of the recent mill shutdown. It was noted that Fort Frances does not have enough jobs to support the demand.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

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Socio-Economic	453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC), AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Fort Frances is a violent town and drug use is prominent. This is attributed to lack of employment opportunities. Other issues noted include racism, homelessness, and affordable childcare.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	508	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with representatives from the Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK) Institute who presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins, Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.	Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK), Naicatchewenin First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources	The AMAK Institute presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins, Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.	RRR thanked participants for the information, which will be shared with Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members.
Other	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis, Unknown, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	I would suggest that the RRGP be called Blackhawk or Barwick Gold Mine as it really is. Give it the credit that it should have now because when the good days are gone people are going to say the hole in the ground was Barwick or Blackhawk or both.	RRR expressed appreciation for the comments, noting that the name was selected some years ago and has been registered with the government agencies. RRR certainly acknowledges the Blackhawk area extensively in documentation and discussions with various agencies.
Socio-Economic	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual, Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Private sector offers to help meet housing requirements during construction and operations.	RRR acknowledged the information and noted that it has previously been collected.
Socio-Economic	713	Meeting	09/05/2013	RRR participated in a Local Government Networking Group meeting held to discuss the need for trades training. RRR provided	Confederation College, Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Rainy River District School Board, Rainy River	1) Expressed concern about the potential for RRP to attract trades people currently employed within the healthcare industry. 2) Noted	RRR will draft a letter of support for Seven Generations proposed Mining training program and circulate to meeting participants.

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				an overview of potential employment opportunities during construction and operations and noted interest in working collaboratively with regional training partners. Meeting participants shared their perspectives on the availability of workers and the need for apprenticeship training. The participants identified additional potential partners or attendees for future meetings.	Future Development Corp, Riverside Health Care Facilities, Seven Generations Education Institute, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC), Rainy River Resources	that the RRDSB has partnerships with Seven Generations and Confederation College and that there is a good history of collaboration in the area. A need was expressed for placements for co-operative education students. It was also noted that presentations on careers in mining by RRR are helpful. 3) Noted that basic education and apprenticeship placements are currently in demand. It was also noted that Confederation College is running Year 1 of the Environmental Technologist program in Fort Frances. 4) Expressed concern about difficulties for apprentices to gain employment within unionized work environments.	
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						difficulties for apprentices to gain employment within unionized work environments.	
Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	474	Meeting	02/05/2013	RRR provided information to Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC) on potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months. RRR committed to offer RLTDC the opportunity to respond to future Request for Proposals / Request for Quotes (RFP/RFQ) documents noting that each RFP/RFQ will have an Aboriginal participation or partnership component.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	RLTDC requested information about potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months.	RRR provided information to RLTDC on potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months. RRR committed to offer RLTDC the opportunity to respond to future RFP/RFQ documents noting that each RFP/RFQ will have an Aboriginal participation or partnership component.
Baseline Studies	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Detailed environmental baselines should commence earlier in the mine exploration process; baseline data were still being collected as drilling was going on, so that the data were not truly baseline. This is a concern for all mining operations, and perhaps more so for some other proposed mine developments in the area.	RRR began environmental baseline studies in 2008, well before any substantive activity commenced. It would be unrealistic to expect mining companies to engage in the collection of detailed baseline data before they had some indication from exploration drilling that there was a reasonable potential for identifying a developable mineral resource. RRR does have a lot of baseline data that was adequate to characterize the site for EA and permitting purposes.
Mining							
Tailing Impoundment	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	If more ore was found, would the tailings area need to be expanded?	The TMA has capacity for expansion, but if further expansion was required, the capacity for holding additional tailings could be provided by raising dam heights, rather than expanding the footprint. There is

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				received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	/ Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources		potential to place tailings in the open pit once open pit mining is completed; however, this option would require further study to ensure that it would be safe for underground mine workers.
Tailing Impoundment	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How deep would the water cover be on the tailings at closure, and how would this affect tailings ARD development? And what about wave action?	The plan for tailings closeout was provided noting that it will basically be a clay till overburden cover around the periphery with the majority of the basin covered with approximately 2 m of water to limit oxygen contact with the flooded tailings. With respect to the potential effects of wave action, on the long fetch on the pond, some rock groins or splitter dykes would be needed to compartmentalize the system in order, to reduce wave turbulence and oxygen entrainment in the water cover. Details on this aspect are still being developed.
Tailing Impoundment	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	At the Barwick open house, an AMEC representative stated that the plan at closure, and possibly during operations, would be to have splitter dykes developed within the tailings basin to prevent wind fetch from stirring up the deposited tailings and minimizing oxygen concentrations in the water cover. This information could not be found in the draft EA.	This approach is still planned as it makes sense from a number of perspectives and RRR will have the mine rock to work with to construct splitter dykes. This level of detail is not in the draft EA or in the conceptual closure plan, but it will be in the official Closure Plan presented to the government as part of Project approvals. Also the use of splitter dykes would be helpful to make better use of the central portion of the tailings basin, but this is still under internal discussion, as there are other ways to deposit tailings in the central part of the TMA basin, such as using a barge.

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Open Pit	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Did RRR consider backfilling the open pit with mine wastes	Yes, this was considered and described in the alternatives section, but backfilling the open pit with mine wastes is prohibitively expensive and was rejected in favour of flooding. However, RRR is considering the possibility of putting tailings in the open pit during later mine life once open pit mining is completed. This possibility was raised in the draft EA but further study would be required to make sure that any such action did not pose a risk to underground workers, so for now this is a potential optimization.
Open pit	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How deep will the open pit be?	The open pit is anticipated to measure approximately 1,500 m x 1,700m and will be up to approximately 400 m deep. The design for the underground mine is still being finalized.
Open Pit	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How deep will the open pit be?	The open pit is anticipated to measure approximately 1,500 m x 1,700m and will be up to approximately 400 m deep. The design for the underground mine is still being finalized.

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Other	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Will the entire property be fenced?	RRR is planning to fence the TMA and the property will be gated. RRR will also fence or otherwise protect the open pit area while it is being flooded at closure, but the entire property will not be fenced.
Other	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	A hundred years would have been better, but then that would be too long to ask for. Right.	Thank you for your comment and support.
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Treaty 3 Police Services, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	Traffic could be a concern. The highway through Rainy River First Nations will have bigger trucks on it. Reduced speed limits are in effect and the highway is patrolled by Treaty 3 Police. Deer strikes are common on these highways.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Tailing Impoundment	362	E-mail	11/13/2012	Individual inquired about the Tailings Management Area (TMA) and the processes involved in managing tailings.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	Inquired about TMA and tailings process. Asked how the Project would ensure proper management of tailings.	RRR is currently in the EA process. Mines are designed today to be closed in an environmentally responsible manner. Mining is the only industry that provides closure funds up front to the government to pay for the site restoration before any Project construction begins. RRR is confident that when the Mine EA report is issued for public comment in early 2013, that the mitigation

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							and engineering plans will meet with long-term sustainability objectives.
Tailing Impoundment	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	The tailings area (TMA) has been modified slightly from the earlier version but is still very close to Mr. Neilson's property. Also, with perimeter ditching to collect runoff and seepage, the ditching would be even closer to his property. As such he feels that there will still be a disturbance to his interests. Also, Mr. Neilson stated that the draft EA says that wildlife displaced from the mine footprint will move into the surrounding area. His property is part of the surrounding area, so additional wildlife moving onto his property would impact him. Overall Mr. Neilson felt that the RRGP will present a disturbance to his property and interests, and implied that there should be some form of compensation for any such effects.	There would be some distance from Mr. Neilson's property, but that the main activity areas (open pit and stockpiles) were well removed. RRR plans to have further discussion with Mr. Neilson on these aspects.
Tailing Impoundment	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	The community pasture referenced in the EA as being within the tailings footprint, is actually south of the tailings area, in the area of the west overburden / NAG mine rock stockpile, and the draft EA should be corrected to reflect this change.	RRR will confirm this and make the change in the final EA Report.
Tailing Impoundment	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC	Would dust from the tailings area be a concern?	The plan is to move the tailings spigots around to keep the tailings surface reasonably wet, or otherwise to use water sprays to manage tailings dust.

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				comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources		
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	How would property on Marr Road be accessed?	Alternate access will be provided through the East Access Road to Marr Road, because mine development will cut off the existing access. The resident noted this but stated that this would be a much longer route and that maybe some form of compensation should be provided. RRR acknowledge that this was an effect on lifestyle.
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	The Township stated that they would prefer the Highway 600 relocation to advance before mine construction in order to ease safety concerns related to traffic volumes and asked whether the Township could become the Highway re-alignment proponent in order to advance this component in an expedited manner.	RRR would support this approach.
Ancillary Facilities	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Commenter has aggregate (sand and gravel) holdings in the Off Lake Road / Finland area that RRR may be interested in for the Project.	The RRGP will be using aggregate from the former MTO pit, which RRR has acquired and now holds the rights to, as well as aggregate that will be generated from crushed NAG rock, or potentially quarried rock. With regard to possible future aggregate needs, these cannot be defined at this point, but if additional aggregate materials are shown to be needed RRR will keep Mr. Curtis's inquiry in mind.
Project Phase							

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Closure	625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Bending Lake Iron, Individual , Individual - GP, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Would like to see the mine site have a purpose after closure, such as a sport fish lake. Would not want to see the property abandoned like Steep Rock.	RRR provided an explanation of financial assurance for mine closure in Ontario and discussed sites that have been re-purposed after closure.
Construction	626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Confederation College, Individual - GP, Mike Carmody Contracting, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Sunset Country Métis , Unknown , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	Will we feel vibration from blasting at our place? (local resident)	Blast vibration has been modeled and we expect to be well below threshold guidelines. Residents living closer to the site might feel something, but all off property receptors are well beyond areas where there would be any damage. The main blasting for the pit would only be carried out about 3 to 5 times per week at scheduled times during the day. Underground blasting would be more frequent but with much smaller charges. It is unlikely that anyone could feel a pit blast at a distance of 7 km, but cannot confirm this.
Post-closure	643	E-mail	08/21/2013	An individual proposed that the RRGP site could become a camping area or cinema post-closure.	Individual - GP, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources	The individual noted that there are currently no camping areas in the area or in International Falls.	RRR thanked the individual for the comment and noted that the recommendations would be passed along for consideration.



APPENDIX D-3d

**STAKEHOLDER CONTACT RECORDS
(NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO OCTOBER 7, 2013)**

Table D-3d: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to October 7, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
389	Letter	11/12/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGF Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to general chemical, biophysical, and human environment impacts in relation to RRGF operations, negative impacts on hunting activities and visual aesthetics. A response was provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), George Gallinger (Individual - GP)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
362	E-mail	11/13/2012	Individual inquired about the Tailings Management Area (TMA) and the processes involved in managing tailings.	Alessandra Massaro (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
378	Open House	11/13/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Seine River First Nation. RRR responded to questions about Project timelines and jobs. Approximately 10 people attended.	Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Nora Logan (Seine River First Nation), Darcy Whitecrew (Seine River First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
393	E-mail	11/14/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGF Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were in favour of the RRGF and included concerns related to water quality. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Glenda Weir (Individual - GP)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
467	Meeting	11/15/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) where AMEC gave a presentation on RRGF considerations for compensation package for Whip-poor-will ESA permitting. Minutes of Species at Risk working group meetings have been requested by the MNR to be kept confidential.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Van den Broeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Greg Rand (Trent University), Hilary Gignac (Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
366	Meeting	11/17/2012	RRR was invited to speak at the Rainy River and Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and Christmas party. An overview of the Project was given. Rainy River and Area Chamber of Commerce members asked questions about the Project. 58 Chamber members attended.		Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
382	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGF Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to public consultation, cyanide use and effects, water use, operational electrical needs, road access, water quality,	Donelda DeLaRonde (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
			biophysical and human impacts, Species at Risk, and zoning bylaws. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.		
384	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from two individuals on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to air quality and noise pollution. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Phillip & Cindy Haggberg (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
364	Phone Call	11/20/2012	Individual asked for a map of the Pinewood River diversion.	Louise Neilson (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
390	E-mail	11/23/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to cyanide use, tailings waste management and alternatives, and environmental closure. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Alessandra Massaro (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
376	Drop-in Visit / Casual Meeting	11/28/2012	Individual asked to look at and have a copy of Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout.	Ray Maki (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
396	Other	11/28/2012	RRR submitted a comment form regarding the Rainy River District Stewardship's (RRDS) Watershed Restoration Workshop.	David May (Rainy River District Stewardship)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
574	Workshop	11/29/2012	AMEC and RRR met with the Fisheries Working Group to discuss the no net loss (NNL) strategic plan and related logistical issues. The meeting minutes were distributed to participants on 13-04-23.	Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), David May (Rainy River District Stewardship), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Steve Bobrowicz (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Mark Ruthven (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Nathan Hellinga (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
443	Presentation	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Murray McDonald (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Joey Sletmoen (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Corrie Govier (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Steve Lowshaw (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Phillip Krahn (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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			Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	River Future Development Corp), Rilla Race (Township of Chapple), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), R. Both (Individual - GP), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple)	
435	E-mail	12/06/2012	An individual from Hamilton, Ontario sent an email to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) containing comments on the RRR Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Comments received related to protecting the local water quality and mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in species at risk (SAR) and threatened wildlife. The individual expressed support for the RRRGP. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jeffrey Leon (Hamilton)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
379	Letter	12/10/2012	RRR emailed a letter the Director of Education for the Rainy River District School Board regarding the Sturgeon Creek Accommodation Review.	Heather Campbell (Rainy River School District)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
468	Meeting	12/10/2012	RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014.	Robert Tolen (Tolen's Pelican Landing), Dan Lecuyer (Lecuyer's Lodge), Don Lee (Adventure Inn), Brian Johnston (Adventure Inn), Monique Gall (WallaWalla Inn), Paul Noonan (La Place Rendez-Vous), Len Smart (Tom Jones Corporation), Percy Champagne (Roseberry Runway Bed and Breakfast), Pat and Wayne Howard (Ross' Camp), Jolene Woolsey (La Place Rendez-Vous), Darryl and Brenda Dutka (Larsson's Camp), Bryce Campbell (WallaWalla Inn), Sheila Campbell (WallaWalla Inn), Dorothy and Ed Bates (Unknown Individual), Aaron Bisson (Emo Inn), Marvin Smith (Tom Jones Corporation), Cheryl Gauthier (Harris Hill Resort)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Larry Indian (Treaty 3 Police Services), Mark Bruyere (Treaty 3 Police Services)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
416	Phone Call	12/13/2012	RRR contacted the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC) to describe the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. A follow-up meeting was planned to learn more about UNFC.	Sheila McMahon (United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC))	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
434	Survey	12/13/2012	RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Tannis Drysdale (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Cheyenne Martin (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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			(RRFDC). Data was collected on existing mining services, local business capacity, workforce demographics, and RRFDC's vision for the community.		
482	E-mail	01/10/2013	Northwatch requested that all future Project-related communications be provided electronically, to which RRR agreed.	Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Allan Katz (Riverside Health Care Facilities), Sheila Shaw (Canadian Mental Health Association), Jon Thompson (Riverside Health Care Facilities), Lori Maki (Riverside Health Care Facilities)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Don Charette (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	Sheila McMahon (United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC))	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Don Charette (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
451	Letter	01/30/2013	RRR provided a letter of support to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) on behalf of an individual in support of his application for funding for an accommodation business.	Angela Halvorsen (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
575	Workshop	01/31/2013	The Fisheries Working Group met to discuss status updates on the RRGP, the no net loss (NNL) strategic plan, Traditional Knowledge (TK) report on Lake Sturgeon, and Pinewood River fish habitat. The meeting minutes were distributed to participants on 13-04-23.	Rich Rudolph (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), David May (Rainy River District Stewardship), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Neville Ward (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Steve Bobrowicz (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Mark Ruthven (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Nathan Hellinga (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
507	Meeting	02/05/2013	RRR attended the Township of Chapple Official Plan Statutory Public Meeting. RRR had submitted comments on the Official Plan the previous day and attended the meeting to answer any questions that may arise as a result of the comments. No questions were asked regarding RRR's comments on the Township of Chapple's Official Plan.	Andrea Bourrie (Andrea Bourrie Consulting (ABC))	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
493	Meeting	02/06/2013	RRR and a municipal planner consultant met with the Township of Chapple. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the municipal planner's scope of work with RRR.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Peter VanHeyst (Township of Chapple), Andrea Bourrie (Andrea Bourrie Consulting (ABC))	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
508	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with representatives from the Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK) Institute who presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins,	Roseanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Harry Windigo (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Martin Millen (Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK))	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

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			Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.		
477	Mass Mailout	02/11/2013	A one page RRGP update was mailed to: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), Pawitik (includes Naotkamegwanning). In total, 7521 copies of the update were mailed.		Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
702	Meeting	02/13/2013	A meeting was held to discuss Species at Risk (SAR) permitting and the RRGP. The final meeting notes are considered confidential.	Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Van den Broeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Greg Rand (Trent University), Gary Burness (Trent University), Michael Willick (Individual - GP)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Izabela Kalkowski (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
499	E-mail	02/14/2013	RRR emailed a construction tender request for proposals (RFP) to various local businesses and organizations for the excavation of a test pit and movement of containers which hold core samples.		Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
470	Phone Call	02/15/2013	RRR discussed RRGP's preferred transmission line route and provided an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Ross Anderson (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
494	E-mail	02/20/2013	The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) provided comments on a draft summary of major developments in the Rainy River District compiled by RRR as part of the socio-economic effects assessment for the RRGP.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
581	Meeting	02/22/2013	RRR, First Nation representatives, and Government representatives met to discuss the RRGP. Project updates were shared by RRR and First Nation representatives provided their views and shared support for the RRGP. Discussions focused on the Amended Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR), the Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) processes, and the proposed Highway 600 realignment. Final revised meeting notes were distributed by the CEA	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Regent Dickey (Major Projects Management Office), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), James McKeever (Ministry of Transportation), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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			Agency on 13-04-16.	Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), Patrick Barnes (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Dan McDonell (Environment Canada), Cindy Brown (Ministry of Transportation), Dan Fox (Ministry of Natural Resources), Iain Galloway (Ministry of Transportation), Stephen DeVos (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Rob Ferguson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Howard Hampton (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Rosalind Cooper (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP), Randy Both (Township of Chapple)	
537	Mass Mailout	03/22/2013	The Winter 2013 RRR newsletter was mailed to: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), Pawitik (includes Naotkamegwanning).		Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
597	Community Event	06/04/2013	RRR hosted a Spring Ceremony at the RRGP site. The ceremony was conducted by an Elder from Naicatchewenin First Nation and approximately 50 people were in attendance.	John Pollock (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Ryan Primrose (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources), Sarah Miller (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources), Darrell Hyde (Rainy River Resources), Rosina Hiebert (Individual - GP)

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				Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniizibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bill Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniizibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Métis), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Métis), Dorothy Huitikka (Sunset Country Métis), John George (Sunset Country Métis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset Country Métis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Paul Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Sunset Country Métis), Andrew Hinshelwood (Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport), Bella Andy (Mishkosiimiiniizibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Epp (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Forrest Hinich (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Charlie Binguis (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Mike O'Connor (Woodland Heritage Services Ltd), Shannon King (Naicatchewenin Development Corporation), Tracy Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Frank Tom Sr. (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Jane Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), George Kirkrude (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	
619	Meeting	06/11/2013	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and provided an update on the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) and planned open houses. The Township discussed city planning, RRR's Closure Plan and expectations surrounding the proposed acquisition by New Gold. The Township of Chapple provided an update on the ongoing landfill study.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Rilla Race (Township of Chapple), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Randy Both (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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608	Mass Mailout	06/24/2013	The Spring 2013 newsletter was mailed to: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), Pawitik (includes Naotkamegwanning).		Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
694	Hand Delivery	07/12/2013	A Notice of Consultation Opportunity for the RRGP was hand delivered along with a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2) to public hosting locations for public access. It was noted that written comments are invited by 2013-08-19.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Michael Dawber (Rainy River Library), Alicia Subnaik Kilgour (Fort Frances Public Library), Jessie Roberts (Brodie Resource Library)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Indi Gopinathan (Rainy River Resources)
695	Mass Mailout	07/12/2013	A Notice of Consultation Opportunity for the RRGP was provided to various stakeholders. The Notice provided information about how to access the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2) and invited written comments by 2013-08-19.	Patti Collett (Natural Resources Advisory Committee), Mary-Catherine Kelly (Northwest Catholic District School Board), Dan McCormick (Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board), David May (Rainy River District Stewardship), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Heather Campbell (Rainy River School District), Colin Hewitt (Resolute Forest Products), Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Linda Armstrong (Rainy River Federation of Agriculture), Ahlan Johanson (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Tannis Drysdale (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Annely Armstrong (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
696	Mass Mailout	07/15/2013	A Notice of Consultation Opportunity for the RRGP was provided to various stakeholders. The Notice provided information about how to access the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2) and invited written comments by 2013-08-19.	Paul Anderson (Rainy Lake Conservancy), Chris Bonner-Vickers (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Stephan Szeder (Rainy River Soil and Crop Improvement Association), Donald C. Huston (Bayfield Ventures Corp.), Kyle Picard (King's Bay Gold Corporation), Rex Loesby (Western Troy Capital Resources Inc.), Charles Desjardins (Soldi Ventures Inc.), Nicholas Walker (Coventry Resources Inc.), Bruce Carruthers II (Q Gold Resources Limited), Donald Huston (Skyharbour Resources Ltd.)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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697	E-mail	07/15/2013	A Notice of Consultation Opportunity for the RRGP was provided along with a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2) to Mining Watch Canada and Northwatch. It was noted that written comments are invited by 2013-08-19.	Ramsey Hart (Mining Watch Canada), Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
690	Mass Mailout	07/15/2013	A Notice of Consultation Opportunity for the RRGP was provided along with a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2) to various Provincial Government agencies. It was noted that written comments are invited by 2013-08-19.	Leslie Koch (Hydro One Networks Inc.), Reed Barrett (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade), Peter Craig (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade), Allan Jenkins (Ministry of Energy), Paula Allen (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), Don Hamilton (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Sylvia Shedden (Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care), Jamie Austin (Ministry of Infrastructure), Audrey E Anderson (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing), Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources), Evan Simpson (Ministry of Natural Resources), Allan Willcocks (Ministry of Natural Resources), Mike Grant (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Grace Lo (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Joan van Kralingen (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), James McKeever (Ministry of Transportation), Paula Brown (Ontario Provincial Police), Sarah Campbell (Rainy River District), Bill Mauro (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), Laura Hatcher (Ministry of Tourism and Culture), Hartley Springman (Ministry of Energy)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
616	Mail	07/23/2013	A DVD copy of the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report was provided to an individual.	Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
615	Mass Mailout	07/24/2013	RRR sent an invitation to attend the upcoming public open houses in Barwick and Fort Frances and the planned Mining Matters workshops. The invitation was mailed to: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoosiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick,	General Public	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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			Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), Pawitik (includes Naoakamegwanning).		
633	Workshop	07/30/2013	RRR hosted a Mining Matters workshop for adults at the Barwick Community Hall. There were 21 participants.		Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Sarah Miller (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources), Darrell Hyde (Rainy River Resources)
625	Open House	07/30/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 51 people attended.	Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Donald Huitikka (Individual - GP), Brian Gerula (Individual - GP), Murray Gerula (Individual - GP), Alvin and Carol McLain (Individual - GP), Frank Curtis (Individual - GP), Ken Angus (Individual - GP), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP), Allen Raoul (Bending Lake Iron), Bill Bone (Individual - GP), Carol Burnell (Individual - GP), Ted Kaemingh (Individual - GP), Stephan Szeder (Individual - GP), Rosina Hiebert (Individual - GP), Keith Haw (Individual - GP), Bill Baranowski (Individual - GP), Bob Durnin (Individual - GP), Alwine Teeple (Individual - GP), Tara MacEachern (Individual - GP), Bill and Emily Clink (Individual), Welly Gibson (Individual - GP), Ken Desserre (Individual - GP), Mireille Pelletier (Individual - GP), Ben Grant (Individual - GP), Brian Trump (Individual - GP), Terry Wilcott (Individual - GP), Sam Fuhrer (Individual - GP), Jackie Champagne (Individual - GP), Wendy Judson (Individual - GP), Jennifer Horton (Individual - GP), Peirce and Kim Gushulak (Individual - GP), David Marr (Individual - GP), Eric Fuhrer (Individual - GP), George Cawston (Individual - GP), Sandie Stark (Individual - GP), Cathy Wilcott (Individual - GP), Lyle and June Wheatley (Individual - GP), LaVerne and Bill Caul (Individual - GP), Robert Wepruk (Individual - GP), Charlie Morken (Individual - GP), David Kaemingh	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources)

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				(Individual - GP)	
634	Workshop	07/31/2013	RRR hosted a Mining Matters workshop for youth at the Barwick Community Hall. There were 14 participants.		Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Sarah Miller (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources), Darrell Hyde (Rainy River Resources)
618	Mail	07/31/2013	A DVD copy of the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report was provided to an individual.	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
632	Hand Delivery	07/31/2013	RRR hand delivered two copies of the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Summary booklet to the Emo Agricultural Research Station.	Kim Jo Bliss (Emo Agricultural Research Station)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
623	Site Visit	08/01/2013	RRR hosted a Mining Matters Site Tour for 35 youth and adult participants.		Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Sarah Miller (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources), Darrell Hyde (Rainy River Resources)
629	Hand Delivery	08/01/2013	RRR hand delivered six copies of the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Summary booklet to the Rainy River Futures Development Corporation (RRFDC). An additional 12 copies were delivered on 13-08-12.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
626	Open House	08/08/2013	RRR hosted an open house in Fort Frances to discuss the RRGP and share information about the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report. RRR representatives responded to a range of questions and comments received from participants. Approximately 27 people attended.	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP), Donald Huitikka (Individual - GP), Colin + Dorothy Neilson (Individual - GP), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Larry Stahn (Individual - GP), Anne Renaud (Confederation College), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Van den Broeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Métis), Larry Lamb (Individual - GP), Mike Hammond (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Mike Carmody (Mike Carmody Contracting), Jennifer Horton (Individual - GP), Michael Willick (Individual - GP), Shawn MacEachern (Individual - GP), Shawn Neilson (Individual - GP), Andrea Ellis-Nsiah (Individual -	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jason Pattison (Rainy River Resources), Mark Vancook (Rainy River Resources)

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				GP), Thomas D. Drew (Individual - GP), Lonnie Beaulne (Individual - GP), Robert Wepruk (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Unknown), Don Huitikka Jr. (Individual - GP), Heather Latter (Individual - GP), Linda Lamb (Individual - GP), Louis Cousineau (Individual - GP), Shelley Jondbro (Individual - GP), Kaela Hahkala (Individual - GP)	
701	Meeting	08/08/2013	A meeting was held to discuss Species at Risk (SAR) permitting and the RRGP. The final meeting notes were distributed to participants on 13-09-13 and are considered confidential.	Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Van den Broeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Michael Willick (Individual - GP)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
654	E-mail	08/14/2013	RRR received noticed on 13-08-13 from an individual having technical difficulties downloading the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) from the RRR website. RRR responded noting that the Draft EA is a substantial document and may take a while to download. RRR offered alternative viewing locations in Thunder Bay, Fort Frances, Rainy River and Emo and offered to support accessing the Draft EA online.	Donelda DeLaronde (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
644	Letter	08/19/2013	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A branch provided comments on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report. Additional comments were received on 13-08-21 but requested to be considered as part of the 13-08-19 submission. Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-20. RRR also provided a copy of the responses via fax to the OFAH Zone A on 13-09-26.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Jill Aitken (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
646	Letter	08/19/2013	The Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) provided comments on the sections of the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report pertaining to economic growth. The comments noted that the RRFDC reviewed the Draft EA along with the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory Committee. It was recommended that RRR work with the economic development officer to help maximize the economic benefits to the community. Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Sandra Whalen (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment), Jill Aitken (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D-3d: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to October 7, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
			Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-20. RRR noted that they would be willing to arrange a meeting or conference call with technical experts to answer further questions if required as previously discussed with MOE. RRR also provided a copy of responses directly to the RRFDC on 13-09-25.		
648	Letter	08/19/2013	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) provided comments on RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report regarding potential impacts to local fish and fish habitat. OFAH recommends that a Ministry of Environment (MOE) Environmental Effects Monitoring Program be implemented to monitor heavy metal accumulation. Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-26. RRR also provided a copy of the responses to the OFAH on 13-09-26.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment), Shari Sokay (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Jill Aitken (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
643	E-mail	08/21/2013	An individual proposed that the RRGP site could become a camping area or cinema post-closure.	Peirce and Kim Gushulak (Individual - GP)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
647	E-mail	08/21/2013	An individual from Thunder Bay sent a request to RRR for a one week extension to provide comments on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) due to technical difficulties in accessing the document. RRR responded on 13-08-21.	Donelda DeLaronde (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
706	Letter	09/03/2013	Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) provided comments to RRR on the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (Ver. 2). Responses to comments were provided to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Northern Development and Mining (MNDM), and the CEA Agency on 13-09-20. RRR noted that they would be willing to arrange a meeting or conference call with technical experts to answer further questions if required as previously discussed with MOE. RRR also provided a copy of responses directly to Hydro One on 13-09-25.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment), Cyrus Elmpak-Mackie (Hydro One Networks), Jill Aitken (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D-3d: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to October 7, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
713	Meeting	09/05/2013	RRR participated in a Local Government Networking Group meeting held to discuss the need for trades training. RRR provided an overview of potential employment opportunities during construction and operations and noted interest in working collaboratively with regional training partners. Meeting participants shared their perspectives on the availability of workers and the need for apprenticeship training. The participants identified additional potential partners or attendees for future meetings.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River), Anne Renaud (Confederation College), Allan Katz (Riverside Health Care Facilities), Wayne Zimmer (Seven Generations Education Institute), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Delbert Horton (Seven Generations Education Institute), Steve Latimer (United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC)), Casey Slack (Rainy River District School Board), Kimberly Williamson (Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
710	Mass Mailout	09/24/2013	The summer/fall 2013 RRR newsletter was mailed to: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoosiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), Pawitik (includes Naothamegwanning). Approximately 7000 copies of the newsletter were mailed.		Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)



APPENDIX D-3e

**STAKEHOLDER CORRESPONDENCE DOCUMENTS
(NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO OCTOBER 7, 2013)**

To: Neal Bennett
Mineral Exploration & Development
Ministry of Northern development and mines

Monday, November-12-12

Fr: George Gallinger
Property Owner corner of Teeple and Gallinger Road
Finland Ontario

Concerns and questions about Rainy River Resources open pit mine.

- How can my name be used as supporting the project, as it was at a local meeting in Nester Falls, when I haven't even be consulted about the project by anyone from Rainy River Resources. I just got to see a copy of the report now one that my sister received.
- My property is ½ east mile from the mine rock stock pile site.
- How high will this rock stock pile be?
 - What kind of dust will there be blowing over and onto my property
 - What contaminates
 - What type of chemicals
 - How far will this dust carry
 - Will it affect vegetation
 - What will the noise level be from the crusher, the mining activity and the trucks dumping the overburden and rocks at this site?
- What type of emissions will be coming out of the smelter?
 - Type of toxins?
 - Chemicals?
- Water consumption?
 - How much water will they be using in their mining process?
 - Where are they getting this water from?
 - What chemicals will be in the water in the holding ponds?
 - Where will the water treatment plant be?
 - How will this affect wild life that drinks this water?
 - How are the ponds going to be protected from over flow during extreme rain storms?
 - How will this affect the water table and wells in the area? I have a flowing well on my property.
- Has the area been checked out for endangered species, animals, plants and birds?
 - The Bobolink, Whippoorwill, eastern cougar, turtles,
 - The trillium, lady slipper?
- If so by whom, when and what are their qualifications?
- Did they actually go onto the land and check?

And again I do not like my name used to endorse something that I haven't been consulted about.

I have been hunting on my property for over fifty years. It is a tradition for my son (whom I taught to hunt on that property) myself and other members of my family and friends go hunting there every year. I now have grand children who I was looking forward to being able to teach them to hunt there as well. My family has been in the Finland area for over 100 years, and now Rainy River Resources will be changing the face of the landscape forever. Therefore I am very concerned about how this mining project is going to affect my property. I was also considering building my retirement home on my property, but now with the rock pile that will be visible from my property, the noise, the dust from all the mining activity the quiet country life free of noise and stress will most likely not be an option on the property that has belonged to my family for over 60 years.

Mr. Bennett I hope you see that these concerns of mine are noted with CEAA.
Thank you

George Gallinger

From: Kyle Stanfield
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 4:51 PM
To: 'mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com'
Cc: Stacey Jack
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project

Hello Alessandra – Thanks for your comments. As you probably know, we are in the midst of our Environmental Assessment process. You had asked about the tailings management area and how we would ensure the facility is compatible with the natural environment in the long-term. Mines are designed today to be closed in an environmentally responsible manner which is why we are the only industry that provides closure funds up front to the government to pay for the site restoration before any project construction begins.

From my own perspective as well as that of the Company, I am pleased that regulations have become much tougher over the past couple of decades to ensure that any new mines do not become long-term environmental blights on our shared lands. I am confident that when the Mine Environmental Assessment report is issued for public comment in early 2013, that you will see how the mitigation and engineering plans under development currently will meet with the long-term sustainability objectives we all share. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you have any further questions.

Sincerely, Kyle



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From: Alessandra Maria Massaro [<mailto:mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 3:29 PM
To: Daniel, Sheila E; comments@rainyriverresources.com
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a student at McMaster University in Civil Engineering and am compiling research on the Rainy River Gold Project and i was interested specifically in the Tailings Management Area and the process by which this project will be dealing with tailings from the ore separation process. How is this project ensuring proper management of tailings now and for future generations?

Thank you,
Alessandra Massaro
Civil Engineering & International Studies V
McMaster University
massarma@mcmaster.ca

From: comments
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 12:58 PM
To: 'Geoff Gillon'; comments; Stacey Jack
Subject: RE: EA Comments

Thank you for your very thoughtful and constructive comments Geoff. We do indeed intend to complete the Mine Environmental Assessment process both Federally and Provincially over the coming 15 months or so. We will continue to work very hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses as we expand the operation once the Environmental Assessment process is completed. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met. I understand that you have a meeting arranged with Stacey Jack our Community Coordinator to discuss some related points and we are looking forward to understanding further how we can collaborate for the benefit of both the Rainy River Gold Project and the District as a whole.

Sincerely, Kyle



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From: Geoff Gillon [<mailto:Geoff@rrfdc.on.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 4:07 PM
To: comments
Subject: EA Comments

Rainy River Resources (RRR) Environmental Assessment Comments

November 23, 2012

I would like to state that I am strongly supportive of the project and would encourage RRR to continue the process and open the mine.

The following are times that I would like to see in your environmental assessment.

- (1) I would like to suggest that RRR commit to increasing its level of procurement in the Rainy River District if possible. Along with this, I would like to see the company provide more information on its procurement processes.
- (2) I would like to see RRR work with the Rainy River Future Development Corporation to review the procurement needs of the mine from the initial construction period through operating life of the mine. This would greatly assist the RRFDC in encouraging local businesses to expand or in attracting companies from across Canada to locate within the region to service the mine. In short, we would like RRR to work with the RRFDC to maximize the economic benefits of the project for the District.

- (3) I would like to see a report on what the expected impacts and demands will be on local infrastructure. I would also like to have RRR develop a mechanism for providing reliable information to the region's municipalities so they can make strategic decisions for such infrastructure as housing, sewer and water, roads, land fill etc.
- (4) I would also like to suggest that RRR develop a "Legacy Fund" for the future development of the region. For example, so many dollars per ounce towards the fund for the life of the mine.
- (5) Finally, I would suggest that RRR support the development of a process, in conjunction with local and senior governments, to transition some of the Resolute Forest Products employees recently laid off to potential mine employees.

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RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – FINAL

Interviewee: Treaty 3 Police Services
Representatives: Larry Indian, Deputy Chief of Police, South Detachment; Mark Bruyere, Sergeant
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Central
Location: Agency One Police Building, Fort Frances

Q1: Tell us about your organization – where do you operate, number of officers, services, partnership with OPP?

We provide a unique police service that is culturally sensitive. We serve the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) communities (7 First Nations) and the Lake bands (Big Island, Big Grassy River First Nations).

Staff includes 25 people comprised of 18 full time officers plus 6-7 administrative staff and casual staff (guard duties).

We have established service protocols with the OPP. We are called to address policing of Aboriginal people on reserve.

The Treaty 3 Police force is culturally sensitive; we employ local Aboriginal people. They have more commitment and there is less staff turnover. They are more in tune with the community situations. Some communities want to be more involved than others in the full justice process.

We have regular contact with the chiefs and supervisors make regular contact with leaders and members.

There are local policing committees that regularly meet and all discussion is open.

Q2: Are there any specific challenges with capacity of the T3 Police to service these areas?

We serve a geographically large jurisdiction, long distances to travel makes it challenging. It affects response times and presence in communities.

There are two satellite offices for the jurisdiction; one at Big Island First Nation and one at Lac La Croix First Nation, which is 2 hours away. All officers start their shifts in Fort Frances.

We have three female officers.

Q3: Are there plans to expand / contract services to communities?

We can always use more staff. Our funds are 52% federal government and 48% provincial government. We have not had any budget increases since 2007. Fuel costs have gone up. We are not considered an essential service but a program. Since 2003 we have operated as a standalone police service.

We are governed by a Police Services Board which is comprised of 9 members from 23 communities. We don't police in the Town of Fort Frances but we occasionally back up the OPP. If there are offenses in the towns then we will assist with them.

Q4: In your opinion what would be the effects of the project on the communities you serve?

I think the effects will be positive because of the increased employment.

Traffic could be a concern. The highway through RRFNs will have bigger trucks on it. There are no issues now on Highways 71 and 600 from Big Grassy, Big Island. Reduced speed limits are helping with traffic through the RRFNs reserve land. Members of the Treaty 3 Police are out there all the time to patrol. Deer strikes are common on these highways.

Q5: Are there any social issues that could impact the ability of FN members to access employment in the RRGP?

Severe addictions – it affects education and personal lives.

Crimes – there are thefts, drug dealing including prescription drugs, marijuana, cocaine.

Q6: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

It would be good to be proactive. We are mostly reactive now. We could work with the company to be proactive. RRR could support community service officers. They could have drug information presentations, safety and community education. They could support the Community Service Officer with by sponsoring programs and presentations. The mine site is in OPP jurisdiction but we could do things together for mine employees. It would promote the image of the T3 Police Service.

RRR could support mitigations through support of social services.

Q7: What is your vision for the local communities after the mine has closed?

We need to recognize that the life of the mine is not that long so we will need to have training to be able to work. We need a back-up plan. Specialist trades might drive farther for jobs. Lower skilled workers would just move closer. Planning is important.

Other:

Steve Shouldice is the OPP Fort Frances Inspector and Detachment Commander – could follow up with him to gather additional information.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTC)
Representatives: Peter Moen, Coordinator (RLTC); Richard Bruyere, Executive Director Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11, 2012 at 9 a.m. Central
Location: PDGZNYZ Advisory Services Offices, Fort Frances, ON

Q1: Tell us about your organization – what kinds of services, governance, existing contracts with RRR, etc.

- Tribal Council provides services to First Nations in an advisory capacity; technical services, housing, project advice, project management, etc.
- Fire protection – we procure fire department supplies and provide training.
- We look after the First Nation membership for the seven communities and help them with birth certificates
- Finance – we advise and assist in book keeping
- Economic Development and business development – moving towards investment (partnership with companies)
- Human Resources – no database of skilled members.
- Run the Ge-Da-Gi-Binez Youth Centre funded by the Ministry of Youth and Children's Services. The Youth Centre is a maximum security institution with 12 beds that has been open for 4 years.
- We used to train people to work in the band office – skills like basic accounting but now the bands do this training themselves.
- RB provided study about economic impact of spending on First Nations on the regional economy (by J. Carr, University of Toronto).

The RLTD has six businesses:

1. Owners interest in Landmark Hotel in Thunder Bay
2. Rainy Lake Tribal Contracting – drilling and grading and road building
3. Rainy Lake Logistics – partnership with Gardewine. Currently have a contract for biomass hauling and could expand services for the mining sector.
4. Insurance company – partnership with Gillon's Insurance. Aboriginal business insurance for Directors and Officers.
5. Rainy Lake First Nations Pharmacy on Couchiching First Nation reserve

6. Resource management company- currently managing the Sapawe forest near Atikokan.

Q2: Does your organization have any plans for expanding to take advantage of higher income/opportunities from mining activity?

We would like to see the project move forward quickly. There are more construction companies knocking on our door to form partnerships. We have lots of ideas but we are being cautious to make sure we are successful.

Q3: What would you like to see in a procurement policy or process for contracting opportunities?

Fair contracting; we would like regular contact. There are lots of contractors. Updates could be given at PAAC meetings to First Nations, but this information needs to filter back to us.

Q4: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

Put employment postings in communities for jobs or training.

We need training. We are not involved in decisions at the front end. Update through PAAC and need direct connection through this venue. Regular updates with Lincoln Dunn, First Nations Engagement Specialist and with contract managers.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Naicatchewenin Development Corporation
Representatives: Tony Marinaro Chief Business Development Officer
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11/3 p.m. Central
Location: RRR Offices, Emo

Q1: Tell us about your organization – what kinds of services, governance, existing contracts with RRR, etc.

(Tony provided RRR/AMEC with a brochure with NDC businesses.)

We develop partnerships with companies. Most of our employees are not from Naicatchweninin First Nation. We want to create new revenue streams and self sufficiency is the goal. We have 70 employees for all businesses. We are very successful. We want to diversify into many sectors not just mining.

For RRR we installed the water system at the core shack and we have a drilling contract. We also have a security contract at RRResources, Hammond Reef and Musselwhite project sites. We can participate in many sectors.

We don't rely on government funds but are self sufficient. We don't want a hand out. We provide quality service for a good price. We are always looking for other partnerships to participate.

We are joint owners of most of our businesses but we have succession plan to become 100% owners. We have other ideas for the company and we want to do large contract work.

We provide on the job employee training for Common Core Gold Driller Assistants which the worker would receive Accreditation through MCTU We have trained 52 local First Nation people between May and September 2012 on the RRResources Site. These skills are transferable and now some of these people are working in different areas of the country. We provide module training before the worker goes on site, then they get hands-on training. The training we provide is half the cost of training received through Confederation College.

Q2: What challenges are you facing (if any) to access local/regional contracts in the mining sector?

We would like to run a fuel card-lock company. Barriers we face are with smaller municipalities not having the capacity to deal with interests in development such as this. We may want smaller contracts to start and then grow into larger contracts.

First Nations have never really actively participated in the local economy but with RRR we can. First Nations people are more likely to stay in the region long term (this is their home) so we

believe we are a better investment for training. It creates competition in the non-native communities but competition is good.

We need working role models on reserves. NDC provides these role models. They are buying buildings and paying taxes in Fort Frances. The municipalities aren't as progressive as they could be.

The project may increase the needs for mental health counseling – there is no capacity for new intake. People have to go to Thunder Bay. Also there is a lots of drug use in non-native and native communities. There is an opiate addictions service opening in Thunder Bay. People work hard, play hard. People don't behave when they are away from home. Increasing teen pregnancies are a possible result.

Q3: Does your organization have any plans for expanding to take advantage of higher income/opportunities from mining activity?

We want to ensure we are responsive to the business opportunities which are created through the development of this project and welcome the opportunity to grow with the project. Developing bus transportation to support project sites may be one of many opportunities which may arise as the project moves forward.

We have ongoing communications and a personal relationship with RRR. It is very responsive.

Q4: Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

This is the only opportunity to move First Nations forward in centuries. We want to participate en masse. R.R. Resources has been very supportive of First Nation participation and has demonstrated a sincere respect for the aboriginal culture and processes. We have developed a professional business relationship with them and value the mutually respectful relationship.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 13, 2012

Interview Notes

Interviewee: Rainy River Future Development Corporation
Representatives: Tannis Drysdale, RRFDC – Town of Fort Frances EDO
RRR/AMEC representatives: Cheyenne Martin
Date/Time: December 13/ 10:30 a.m. Central
Location: Telephone

QUESTIONS

Initial conversation

- All comments made have to be prefaced with the facts that we have not been given figures for employment in either the underground or open pit operations and we have no certainty as to when the underground operations will start relative to the open pit operations or if the underground workforce will be a different employee who may be less permanent than the open pit workforce.

Entrepreneurship

1. We understand there is a mining services directory (previously supplied). Do you know of any other small-scale entrepreneurs that are interested in expanding the size of their businesses for this purpose?
 - There are some companies with clients currently in mining services, such as Acklands-Grainger, RLTC or NDC. Many other businesses in the district have an interest.
2. If so, what goods or services are they interested in providing?
 - These could include construction and parts and services. Examples of these could be Peterbuilt, the car dealerships, caterers, office and shop supply companies.
3. What challenges would they face growing to take on larger contracts? Is that something they would be interested in?

- This will depend on the mine's requirements and how they set the bar with regards to specific qualifications (for example safety training). Many local companies have experience with Resolute and their health and safety requirements so it is not as big a barrier as it might be otherwise. This could be strengthened if the procurement policy included a preference for local businesses not just providing preferential treatment to just First Nation businesses.
4. Are there programs operating in the region to encourage entrepreneurship?
- There is entrepreneurship training but not as much as there could be. Self-employment Benefits (SEB) program from Feds and collect EI while running – loan fund as well with training, Confederate College as well. NCDS is doing employment and retraining training.
5. Do you know if there are there plans for local businesses to expand to take advantage of higher incomes from mining activity?
- The Town of Fort Frances has reduced the price of its industrial lots in an attempt to capture businesses looking to grow or relocate to provide services to the mine.
 - Until a mine is certain it is unlikely that businesses will expand to meet the needs of a new population.
6. What would you like to see in a procurement policy for contracting opportunities?
- Local preference component
 - Standards set are realistic and necessary and do not dissuade small businesses from participating
 - All advertised locally
 - Conversation on how to tender – Resolute had longstanding relationship
 - Management must be in the community and not disconnected
 - Encourage suppliers from outside the region to relocate to the district.
7. What would you like to see in a procurement process for contracting opportunities?
- A transparent process that is explained to local businesses via the company website and information sessions.
 - Create a preferred supply list of local businesses in partnership with the Economic Development Office.
 - Goods and Services tendered should be advertised locally.

8. What do you believe will be the expected outcome of the Resolute mill closure in Fort Frances? What are the expected job losses? What are the expected reductions in local expenditure?
 - The temporary idling is just that temporary. Resolute is seeking new products and they intend to reopen the Fort Frances mill. The new product will need a higher value added and that would entail substantial capital investment in the mill to realize.
 - Layoffs were for over 240 workers and the positions were various skilled trades and management.
 - In the interim consumer spending reductions at retailers will be significant.

9. For the labour force reductions from the Resolute mill, can you comment on the expected age profile of workers losing their jobs? How many are expected to leave the community? Retrain? Retire and stay?
 - Nearly all the workers laid off are 45/50 and under. Generally those with 18 years of seniority remained.
 - Many who remain are close to retirement
 - Those who retire will stay in the area, particularly those with less education and thus less options or life experience outside of the district.

10. To what extent is the work experience of those losing their jobs relevant to work in the mining sector?
 - Some are directly applicable- technicians, trades, engineers and heavy equipment operators.

11. Do those losing their jobs have access to retraining programs?
 - The temporary nature of the closure should not affect access to job retraining dollars. The laid off is a permanent termination and workers can access retraining dollars. There will be access to some labour market adjustment program but it has not been introduced yet – laid off workers final day is in February, right now they are only in their notice.
 - When the mill reopens they too will be seeking retraining help.

12. Do you have classifications of workers losing their jobs? (information would be used to calculate incomes of those laid off)
 - No. They would be a mix of papermakers, middle managers and at the same time forestry workers (loggers) will have lost their contracts.

13. Is there a workforce that is connected to the area (i.e., maintain residences or property) but are working elsewhere? For this workforce, what are the common destinations? What kind of work do they seek?

- The preference of most is to stay because of, family, lifestyle and the low housing costs will create a difficulty in converting home equity. The pattern I observed in Kenora was that for dual income families there is a multi-year transition. The first year is spent doing casual work – retraining or some type of next entrepreneurship – or living on EI earnings, often then the worker will “work away” and commute, years later without a permanent local income do you see the whole family moving away.

14. Do you have estimates for labour demand of other exploration projects operating in the area?

- No
- Skilled mill workers are in demand, however, and we have seen advertising for workers by forestry companies, including from Dryden, trying to hire away workers. There is difficulty securing engineers within the industry and others with specialized skills.
- Unionization a factor

Future Vision (Post RRGP):

15. What is the RRFDC vision for the local economy after the mine has closed?

- Remaining industry after the mine – we do not have a vision as a mining community. We have a history of working for diversification. Some success in areas such as health services, drilling and operations relating to mining, value added wood products (for example Norfab, although their manufacturing workforce is down now to 50-60).

Other:

16. Do you have any other comments at this time regarding the RRGP?

- Would like information session in Fort Frances.
- As the largest center and the largest contributor to the DSSAB we pay the lions share of all social services costs. Most people who work in the mine will live in Fort Frances and will be left to deal with the workers who lost jobs with the closure of a mine.
- Simple municipal property taxation will not adequately compensate the communities of the RR District for the costs that will be incurred by a mine. We

should have a revenue sharing program based on the current Provincial taxation of mining operations.

- The Town of Fort Frances is hopeful that RRR will proceed with the opening of a mining operation and will continue to assist in any way it can with RRR to assure that outcome.

From: Stacey Jack
Sent: February-11-13 4:24 PM
To: 'Northwatch'
Cc: Kyle Stanfield
Subject: FW: Requesting electronic communications re. Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Ms. Lloyd;

Thank-you for your request. We have updated the information for Northwatch and will send all future correspondence electronically.

Sincerely,
Stacey Jack



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From: Northwatch [northwatch@northwatch.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 4:21 PM
To: comments
Subject: Requesting electronic communications re. Rainy River Gold Project

Good afternoon,

Thank you for providing us with hard copy documents related to the development of provincial environmental assessment Terms of Reference for the review of the Rainy River Gold Project. We appreciate your including us in your communications.

Due to our limited capacity - including office and filing space - and in the interests of reducing resource use, we are requesting that all future communications be provided electronically, i.e. by email. Should some documents be too large for electronic transmission, we would prefer to receive them on a request basis, and / or in CDs rather than in printed form.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

Regards,

Brennain Lloyd
Northwatch

Ontario's Liberal government is "divesting" the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission, including shutting down our passenger rail service and selling off the rail yards and telecommunications, including Ontera. Ontera has been Northwatch's internet provider for many years, and it is with great regret that we prepare for the loss of this publicly owned asset and service. Please note that our email has changed to northwatch@northwatch.org. We will continue to be an Ontera customer and receive emails addressed to our longstanding "onlink.net" addresses as long as it is publicly owned.

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RRGP Socio-economic Interviews January 2013

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Riverside Health, Canadian Mental Health
Representatives: Allan Katz (President and CEO, Riverside Health Care), Sheila Shaw (Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health), Jon Thompson (Community Counseling, Riverside Health Care), Lori Maki (Executive Vice President/Chief Nursing Executive, Riverside Health Care)
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC), Don Charette (AMEC)
Date/Time: January 14, 10 a.m. Central/11 a.m. Eastern
Location: Teleconference

Q1: RRR/AMEC interviewed another stakeholder in December who indicated that there could be some stresses on the existing mental health counseling services in the region. Can you tell us what mental health services/programs are offered in the district and what the demands are on these services?

Available treatment services (using comprehensive/integrated approach to services) include: trauma, mental illness, violence recovery, addictions.

There is 8 community treatment staff working from Fort Frances. Emo and Rainy River each offer 1 counselor.

Community mental health services complement the community counseling programs. The focus is on populations that are persistently mentally ill.

Canadian Mental Health Association services are provided through:

1. Educators
2. Peer support on life skills, finances, employment
3. 2 housing programs (small programs)
 - a. Mentally ill (offering 8 units)
 - b. Substance abuse (12 units)
4. Court diversion (using wider criteria for those who can access services)
 - a. For anybody with mental illness, handicapped, addiction, etc...
5. 60 year old + individuals

Kenora Rainy River Family and Children Services offer children services and have 7 to 8 councilors working in the region.

There is also the North West Community Care Access Centre (separate from Riverside Health Care with the head office in Thunder Bay. Their Fort Frances office is at the LaVerendrye General Hospital which has been recently funded to deploy mental health nurses in High Schools (not yet deployed). Reason: Provincial priority 10 year mental strategy focuses on youth for the next 2 to 3 years. NW CCAC also has a community case coordinator at the Rainy River Health Centre

Each FN has local community based services (Community Treatment/ Holistic related services) which are federally funded through Fort Frances Tribal Health Authority. Services for Aboriginals not living on reserve are offered through the Gizewaadiziwin Health Access Centre.

The timing of the RRGP does not suggest an overwhelming demand on health services. The effects of the indefinite idling of the kraft mill and one of two paper machines in early November 2012 have not been felt as of yet. Work continued until December 2012 and will continue to get paid until end of February 2013. There is an expected delay resulting in an increase of referrals if no other employment comes online in the area.

Q2: Has demand for these services changed in the last few years? If so, what do you attribute this change to?

There has been an increase in demand in all program areas. This is attributed to increased awareness (media) and reduced stigma associated mental health issues. New treatment methods are being used by the system such as reducing hospital admissions with the aim of integrating the client back into the community as soon as possible. Efforts are being made to reduce waiting lists in any services by constant evaluation of service and priorities.

Q3: If demands are not being met in this District, then where do people access these services?

The North West Local Health Integration Network funds 18 health services in Rainy River District - 6 of them are local: Riverside Health Care, CMHA Fort Frances, Atikokan General Hospital, Gizewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, Fort Frances Tribal Health Authority and Weechi-it-te-win Family Services). Remaining services are found in Thunder Bay or Kenora which require travel.

Efforts are being made to streamline services and send people to the right providers. The challenge is to ensure that we have the resources to do so. For example, now we have a waiting list for mental health services in Fort Frances, which should be temporary. The Family Health team has some mental health capacity but it has not been fully developed as of yet.

Future challenges are to ensure that we maintain the available skill sets and to sustain a clinical HR program to handle vacancies.

Q4: Any sense of how many people are accessing services in other communities?

Not sure although we suspect there are a fairly significant number of people accessing services in other communities depending on what services are taken into account.

We think there are not as many people going out compared to similar areas but there are bewildering arrays of pathways that make this difficult to track.

Q5: Can you comment on the rate of drug or other substance addictions in the District?

The rate of drug addiction in this region is the highest in Ontario on all indicators including highest risk due to consumption rates (additional information can be found on website www.datis.ca)

Q6: What is the capacity of these services to meet demands?

We don't have the resources to deal with the demand. We are not aware of what funding criteria are used by the government. Funding comes from a variety of sources (Federal for FN, mix of Federal and Provincial for other programs).

The total population of Rainy River District represents 10% of regional (NW Ontario) population of 230,000 people. Funding is provided to this larger region and distributed equally in this region. So, although our needs are higher, we don't receive the funds to meet demands. This makes it difficult to make a case for funding requests.

We expect that there will be more demands on Emo once the mine enters construction and operations. It will take time and resources (physical, human and fiscal (operating and capital) before the Emo Health Centre can return to having a Emergency Department.

Q7: What programs are in place to address these issues (if any)?

Programs such as the FN day treatments (RRR should talk to them to learn more about their program), harm reduction vs. abstinence, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous.

Q8: Are there plans for future service offerings?

The existing treatment practice is of institutionalizing patients but the reality is that there is no need for it. What needs to be done is to get the clients back into society. The job is to triage the clients and make a case for the level of care needed. There is no existing balance supporting continuum care.

Q9: Are there other public or mental health issues that are prevalent in the District? What are their causes? What services are being provided to address? What is the capacity of these services to meet demands? Are there plans for future service offerings?

Depression is prevalent but not atypical from other areas. Addiction statistics for fetal alcohol syndrome are high and only diagnosed when children are of school age. This addiction is most prevalent among Aboriginal people however it is not exclusive to the Aboriginal population.

Q10: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRG? What is your vision for community health and well being after the mine has closed?

The project would be successful if it does not leave any environmental impact and does not upset the water table, and has not created any new issues.

When the Project is over that Emo is well positioned with municipal infrastructure and has other opportunities to attract residents (sustainable community) such as ecotourism, recreation, attractions for retirees.

RRR should not create a dependency on any services that they may offer during mine operation that cannot be sustained after the mine is closed. For example, to be corporately responsible, the company should work with local service providers and support long-term capacity within the district. As an example, rather than hiring a third part EAP provider, consider working with our organization, because typically the third party provider refers a client to us, and we're not prepared capacity wise. Dealing directly with us (or whomever in the District) would allow us to develop and plan for appropriate capacity.

Q11: How can the project be used to realize that vision?

It is important for the Project to keep having ongoing dialogue with health services. Quarterly meetings would be ideal.

Investments in leisure activities focused on family (e.g. offering Skype) and other leisure services can be viewed as a preventative tactic to avoiding health and social problems that could be created when workers are off-shifts. These could also alleviate stresses on health and counseling services.

The project could invest capital into local community services like recreational programs to provide leisure opportunities.

RRR could consider giving priority to recruitment of workers whose spouses are healthcare professionals.

Keep us (all health care partners) aware of where the workers are intending to reside to help predict and adjust to new demands on services in each community.

Q12: Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

It is important to learn how other mining projects have created sustainable communities. It is essential to create a community in which you want to live in. Having people wanting to stay after the mine is closed is important.

Q13: Do you have any comments about today's discussion?

Suggested expanding the discussion table to Fort Frances and other stakeholders. RRR accepted this idea.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews January 2013

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: United Native Friendship Centre
Representatives: Sheila McMahon, Executive Director
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC), Don Charette (AMEC)
Date/Time: January 15, 10 a.m. Eastern/ 9a.m. Central
Location: Teleconference

1- We interviewed another stakeholder in December who indicated that there could be some stresses on the existing counseling services in the region. The UNFC provides a wide range of social/community services. Can you tell us about the demands are on these services?

The demands on drug and alcohol treatment are high and we have 1 counselor on staff. Some patients need to get to other communities where there are treatment centres.

We offer employment programs (for status and non-status FN) focusing on apprenticeships which is a good way to get employed after training. These are limited in what they can offer since they are federally funded. UNFC employment program provides soft services such as resume writing, interview skills, etc. Also offers funding for off-reserve status, non-status and out of province Aboriginal people. The future consideration is partnerships for training, apprenticeships. The UNFC is limited due to the amount of funding received by the federal government.

We've hired a new Community Career Counselor (2-year position) whose role is to meet with companies and understand their employment needs.

The UNFC Homelessness program has a long waiting list for Aboriginal people needing housing, UNFC does not provide direct housing services, future plans are to look at offering housing for the working families in community.

We offer lots of support for family and children and we help non-Aboriginal people as well.

Alternative education programs offer high school programs for mature student's offsite. The Alternative Educations program is a high school program within the UNFC site, it provides opportunities to youth 16-18 years to obtain their grade 12 diploma. It also offers mature students over 18yrs the ability to obtain their grade 12 diploma in three ways, on site instruction, part-time, and off site. The High school has two qualified teachers on site Monday-Friday.

2- Has demand for these services changed in the last few years?

Yes, there is growing demand on all programs, especially in education and employment. We would like to focus on apprenticeships because that's a good way to get a job after training. This is one way but not the only way.

What do you attribute this change to?

We are waiting to see what will happen when the mill shutdown occurs in February (employees laid off in November are being paid until February). We anticipate more demand to the employment and homelessness programs. We expect to see a greater number of working poor who need support in paying rent and food. Not sure how long the demands will be high as a result of this shutdown but job opportunities are getting worse even though there are some major employers in the region like the hospital. Fort Frances doesn't have enough jobs to support the demand.

3- Can you share any information about the rate of homelessness in the region? Are there any initiatives underway to address this issue?

We report homelessness data nationally (Sheila offered to provide some data to RRR).

There is a 10 unit apartment building about to open in Fort Frances (not subsidized) offering 1 bedroom (650\$/month) and 2 bedroom (750\$/month) apartments. Another 6 unit building is being built. This won't take care of the waiting list because most families come to Fort Frances from Manitoba because they feel it is safer here. This has been happening for the last few years. There are also people moving off reserve and it is hard to know where they are or where they are going. This presents a challenge for program planning.

How much staff has UNFC had within the past years?

We've had a steady number of 40 staff for the past 5 years.

We are really worried about 0-6 yrs children programs (Headstart, prenatal, healthy babies) for fear that they may be cut by the Federal Government as they intend to pass down the responsibility to the province. I'm not sure that the province will pick up the funding slack as it is in debt. There are issues with affordable childcare in the region, costing 40\$ a day. We are looking to open an Aboriginal childcare to help support working families.

Are you looking to hire more people in the next few years?

I can't predict that. UNFC is a non-profit and we are looking at ways to decrease our dependence on government funding. We've developed an economic development plan with our local membership and committee (5 year strategic plan). We are looking to hire an economic development officer to help with this contingent upon receiving funding for this position.

What social or community issues are most prevalent in the District? What are their causes? What services are being provided to address?

Racism is the most prevalent issue. We deal with a lot of stereotypes in Fort Frances. Next year is our 40 year anniversary and we have a full year plan to create awareness of UNFC and that we offer services to all Aboriginal people but we do not turn anyone away when they are in need of help.

In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

It is important to develop partnerships with everyone that is impacted by the project. Sharing information with UNFC on RRR's employment, training, and educational needs would be useful to help train people for the jobs. The UNFC has a good working relationship with the College.

Also, housing opportunities allow people to stay at home and work (Fort Frances). Most people who leave for work opportunities want to come back because they don't want to leave their families and children.

What is your vision for community health and well being after the mine has closed?

We are currently working in areas of family violence and employment. I see a cycle of financial dependence from generation to generation that I would like to see broken. Having the right treatment services would help us to have a healthy community. Fort Frances is a violent town and drug use is prominent. This is attributed to lack of employment opportunities.

Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

Is there a place to get information about the RRGP?

Stacey Jack provided the project website address and indicated that there would be open houses on the draft EA in the future and that we will place Sheila on the project mailing list to get formal invite/notices via email. Stacey also invited Sheila to come on a site tour in the future and drop into the Emo office or contact Stacey at anytime.

From: Stacey Jack [mailto:sjack@rainyriverresources.com]
Sent: August-14-13 4:50 PM
To: Donelda DeLaRonde
Subject: FW: Draft Environmental Assesement

Hello Donelda – Thanks for sending the message. I checked the download link this morning and again just now and have been able to open the files both times. The Draft Environmental Assessment is a substantial document (more than 7,000 pages), so it does take a while. If you would like, I can call you and walk you through the download process. The Draft EA is also available for viewing at the Brodie Library in Thunder Bay, the Fort Frances Public Library and the Rainy River Library, as well as our Emo and Toronto Offices until August 19th, 2013.

I also understand that you left a message in regards to comments you sent in 2012. If you'd like, I can send the responses that were provided to the Ministry of the Environment.

Thanks,
Stacey



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From: Donelda DeLaRonde [rsmin@tbaytel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 12:46 PM
To: comments
Subject: Re: Draft Environmental Assesement

On your website the draft Environmental Assessment can NOT be open.

From: Kyle Stanfield [mailto:kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com]
Sent: August-21-13 9:00 AM
To: Donelda DeLaRonde
Subject: FW: Re:Draft EA

Hello Donelda – Hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer weather we are now having here in Thunder Bay.

I am sorry to hear you had some difficulties accessing the document online – we had not head of problems from others accessing it via our website but I am glad to hear you now have it. Hopefully you will see that the document addresses your concerns.

Best, Kyle



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From: Donelda DeLaRonde [rsmin@tbaytel.net]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 2:19 PM
To: comments
Subject: Re:Draft EA

Hi Kyle;

On Nov.12, 2012 , we sent in a list of concerns we have, and we have not received any word or been contact by Rainy River Resources.

I have tried to access the Draft Environmental Impact statement on your website, with no success, with this message “Microsoft cannot open this file because some parts are missing or invalid.”

However today August 19, 2013 when all comment are suppose to be filed, amazingly I can open your Draft Environmental Report.

With this said I would like to asked you for at least another week, to go through the Draft EA to see if all our concerns have been addressed.

Thank you

Donelda DeLaRonde

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August 19th, 2013

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Dear Mr. Stanfield:

Subject: Rainy River Gold Project

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), its 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 710 member clubs, we have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and have provided our questions and comments below.

The location and scale of the proposed development will undoubtedly result in significant impacts to fish and fish habitat. Changing groundwater flows, destroying or altering fish habitat by modifying surface water (e.g. draining or impounding waterbodies, creation of tailings ponds, diverting watercourses), as well as the discharge of effluent and contaminants (with subsequent accumulation of contaminants in fish) are a few of the major ecological issues associated with mining operations. Developments are often permitted under a blanket statement that there will be “no negative impacts” or “no net loss”. However, the reality of post-construction and long-term monitoring often shows that compensation measures are not reflective of pre-construction conditions. Therefore, avoidance must take priority over compensation and mitigation measures.

The large scale and location of this development will most certainly result in an impact to fish and fish habitat within the region. The project is located within Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 5 which has identified Walleye, Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass as the top three preferred species, and all three of these species have been identified within the project location. FMZ 5 is a popular fishing destination with a staggering \$48.4 million spent annually on recreational fishing alone.

Section 7.21.1.1 addresses the effects of *potential* releases of heavy metals its affect on human health. An example states that “*if there were to be low releases of an element such as mercury into the environment, which then had the potential to bioaccumulate within a top predator fish such as Northern Pike in the Pinewood River, but where humans were not currently fishing the Pinewood Rove, then there could be no associated risk to human health, because there would be no pathway for exposure*”. Although the OFAH acknowledges that the impacts of heavy metals (such as mercury, cadmium and lead) are predicted to be very low, the OFAH does not support the rationale provided for human health risks. Although a particular area may not currently be receiving much fishing pressure, there is always the potential for an area to become more accessible and gain in popularity, for fish to emigrate from the area, and of course for heavy metals to be accumulated through other species such as fish-eating waterfowl.

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Kyle L. Stanfield
August 19th, 2013
Page Two

Conclusions

In conclusion, the OFAH has concerns regarding the potential for impacts to local fish and fish habitat. The OFAH acknowledges that the existing models do not predict a significant accumulation of heavy metal; however, we would strongly recommend that a Ministry of Environment (MOE) Environmental Effects Monitoring Program be implemented to ensure that any discharges, or other environmental effects, remain below model predictions and safe consumption guidelines. The OFAH also requests to remain engaged throughout any subsequent project phases.

We look forward to receiving a response to our concerns and remaining engaged with this development proposal.

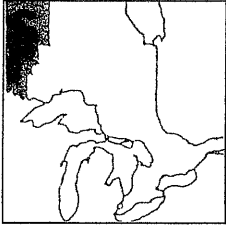
Yours in Conservation,



Shari Sokay
Land Use Specialist

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cc: OFAH Zone A Executive
OFAH Fisheries Advisory Committee
OFAH Land Use/Access/Trails Committee
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ZONE A

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

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August 19th, 2013

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Re: Rainy River Gold Project Draft Environmental Assessment Report.

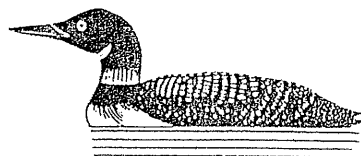
Dear Mr. Stanfield,

The Ontario Federation of Anglers Hunters (OFAH) Zone A is a branch of the provincial body of the OFAH. Our area of concern covers the western portion of Ontario from the Atikokan/Ignace area to the Manitoba border. The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) site area falls within our area of concern. OFAH Zone A's membership is made up of anglers, hunters and recreationists who are interested in the wise use of our natural resources. As 1st Vice President of OFAH Zone A, I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond to the RRGP Draft Environmental Assessment Report on behalf of our members.

I would first like to thank Rainy River Resources for holding the two open houses (Barwick & Fort Frances) and staffs efforts to educate me on the project and answer my many questions. I am also most appreciative of staffs efforts to supply me with a DVD copy of the report.

As discussed with Mr. Vancook at the Fort Frances open house, elk population numbers (5.10.1.1) should be updated to 50 to 70 animals to more correctly represent the number of animals in the area. Also, this paragraph does a poor job of reflecting the proper range of the elk. A small groups can be found near in the Dance area west of Fort Frances and another group is regularly reported immediately west of the RRGP site in the North Branch area. The main herd can still be found in the Cameron Lake area north east of the RRGP. Recent camera work has shown animals from this group as far south as the Pipestone Road east of Nestor Falls which is quite close to the proposed power transmission line. Most of this information is confirmed in the "2013 Ontario Elk Research and Monitoring Updates – July 11, 2013 pages 14-21. I assume you have received an e-mail copy of this document from Mark Ryckman OFAH head office. The report of elk on the Pipestone Road was just communicated to me verbally August 18th, 2013 by Murray English co-chair of the Northwest Ontario Elk Restoration

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Coalition. I very strongly encourage RRR to contact Mr. English. I would also refer you to page 17 (Annual Aerial Calf Survey) of the above document where flying methods of 5-10 km/hr. are described. It is my understanding that elk are very hard to spot from the air even by practiced observers; having radio collar co-ordinates is essential!

Page 49 Vol. 7.9.1 discusses the declining moose densities within the area as being partly due to over hunting. There is no open season for moose in WMU 10 so hunting has no effect on moose numbers in the area of the RRGP. Hunting to the north and northeast in WMUs 7B and 9B have seasons during which adult harvest is closely controlled.

Page 53 Vol. 7.9.4 states "An additional 10.2 ha. of Moose late winter habitat will be lost. It is not anticipated that this loss of Moose late winter habitat will impact the local Moose population due to the currently low density of Moose in the region." Actually just the opposite is true; a declining herd must have as much habitat as possible retained. If this habitat cannot be saved it should be replaced in a suitable area nearby.

Page 116 Vol. 7.18.5.1 refers to a statement from the Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club (FFSC) which estimates that there could be at least 10 hunters who use the area. The FFSC is an OFAH Zone A affiliate club and I fear these numbers have been taken out of context. Latest figures for resident deer hunters (MNR provincial mail survey data 2012) show that 2776 resident hunters plus 616 non-resident participated in the 2012 deer hunt in WMU 10. Using RRR's figure from 7.18.5.1 which states that RRGP's foot print will remove 1.5% of the unit, this converts to a minimum of $2776 \times 1.5\% = 41.64$ resident hunters and $616 \times 1.5\% = 9.24$ non-resident hunters. or a total of 50.88 or 51 deer hunters that will be displaced. I contend that this number is also low due to the fact that the western end of the unit is hunted much more than the eastern portion. These are numbers for deer hunters only and do not include wolf, bear upland game or migratory bird hunters who will also be displaced.

On page 18 Vol. 13.7.2 the third bullet states "Working with the Aboriginal hunters to document Whitetail Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvest activities in the RRGP site area". Does this mean that RRR intends to use Aboriginal persons to remove "nuisance" animals! It is my understanding that moose cannot be dispatched for this reason; out of regular season deer can only be dispatched under permit from the MNR; and if black bear or wolf/coyote are dispatched in WMU 10 the MNR must be immediately notified. I would not expect the above circumstance to meet the intent of subsistence or ceremonial harvest.

Page 7 Vol. 7.2.1 states "The use of the lower Pinewood River by Lake Sturgeon has been suggested through local knowledge but has not been confirmed as a result of base line studies completed" but in 5.8.19 a Lake Sturgeon was captured 5 kl upstream from the Rainy River.

While at the Barwick open house July 30th, 2013, I was discussing the control of acid generation during operation and after closure of the tailings management area with a representative from AMEC. He shocked me so badly by mentioning the possible use of "blue green algae" that I

neglected to have him explain himself. If this person was jesting, it certainly was in bad taste!
Please confirm that this has never been considered.

Yours in conservation,

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August 19, 2013

Via Email: comments@rainyriverresources.com

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Dear Sir:

RE: In response to the Draft Environmental Assessment Report

The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and provide comment on those sections that apply to the community's interest in the proposed mines relationship to economic growth.

7.19.1.4

The Town of Fort Frances as experienced a partial closure of their main industry a pulp and paper manufacture. In addition to the job losses at the mill, mining exploration employment has seen a dramatic reduction in the past year. The Town therefore has a labour market with available semi –skilled, skilled and professional workers. This labour force will likely still be within geographic reach by the fall of 2014 but any delays in the anticipated opening date would negatively impact the availability of these workers who will likely relocate to opportunities elsewhere.

7.19.1.5 Business Opportunities

The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee are pleased to see the generalized commitment to hiring and purchasing locally. The Draft Environmental Assessment indicates a potential purchase of \$20.4M over the construction phase. With a total construction budget estimated between \$713M and \$768M this figure represents between 2.6% and 2.8% of the total construction expenditures.





Annual purchases are also estimated in Chart 7-28. The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee are pleased with Rainy River Resources Gold Projects commitment to provide businesses opportunities locally.

The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee believe that opportunity exists to expand the local economic impact of the proposed mine.

To maximize this benefit for the community of Fort Frances and Rainy River District, the Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee suggest that Rainy River Resources include the estimated local procurement to the figures identified in the Draft Environmental Assessment; and work with the Economic Development Office to achieve and exceed these figures.

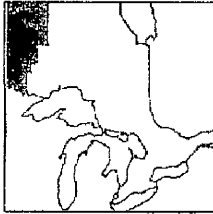
7.19.1.8 Human Capital

The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee is pleased to see RRR's accessing the local College facility and working with District partners to ensure that the labour force is prepared for the opportunities that the new mine will present.

7.20.1 Demographics and Population

The Rainy River Future Development Corporation and the Town of Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory committee believe that the community will accommodate the new population with no strain. The Town is currently opening a new subdivision with 17 building lots and has designed a property available for a Condo developer that will be 10 to 25 new units. A second subdivision is ready for development. The community has also created an incentive program geared at the promotion of the development of infill lots already on Town services. Including underdeveloped lots, the community likely has more than 40 lots available for potential sales.





August 21st 2013

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ZONE A

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Zone A

R.R#2, Site 218-28

Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3M3

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Re: Rainy River Gold Project Draft Environmental Assessment Report

Dear Mr. Stanfield,

We realize that the closing date for commenting on the Draft Report has passed but the following comments require no changes to the Report but warrant mention. We would appreciate it if they could be considered as part of the Ontario Federation Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A's submission to the Draft Environmental Assessment Report dated August 19th 2013.

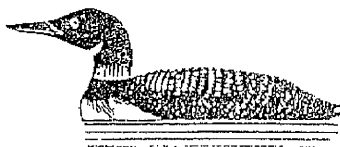
We would like to complement Rainy River Resources (RRR) for the creation of a Fisheries Working Group (7.5.3 page 32) consisting of the RRGP team, DFO, and MNR to develop a No Net Loss Plan and compensation strategy to offset unavoidable effects to habitat.

On page 51 Vol7.9.2 the statement "Deer hunting by local residents is however a common activity and part of local culture" is appreciated. Thank you for recognizing this!

Although we do not agree with the number of hunters displaced (7.18.5.1) as explained in our submission August 19th, 2013, we are encouraged to read in 7.18.5.5 that "RRR will consider allowing access to all or portions of the RRGP site once habitats are restored." As with all private property, we realize this access would be by permission only.

Although not qualified to comment on much of the technical data within the report, I am generally pleased with the report other than the topics addressed in our original submission. If you are able to consider these comments, we thank you for this extended opportunity to comment.

Yours in conservation,



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Aug 21, 2013

To: ANDREA CARTIS : A.R.R.

From BRUCE HAMILTON : OFAH ZONE A.

Hi Andrea,

This is the comments re the Draft Report I mentioned the other day in the office. I hope they can be accepted this late. Also I have included Murray E's phone number. Again thank to you and Stacey for all your help.

Bruce Hamilton

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Good Afternoon Geoff and Tannis;

Thank-you for providing comments on the Rainy River Gold Project Draft Environmental Assessment.

Please find attached a table which includes our responses to the comments you have provided.

Sincerely,

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Good Afternoon Ms. Sokay;

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Comments:

Hello Bruce;

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Thanks,

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