

Version 3 Hammond Reef Gold Project EIS/EA – Addendum (Part B)
Responses to Provincial Information Requests

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| | | | | | | <i>Date: September 2015</i> | | |
| EAB2 | Alternatives Assessment | | EIS/EA §4.0, §5.1.3 | <p>The assessment of the closure and post-closure alternatives do not provide a comparable level of detail with the alternatives methods assessment for other aspects of the EA. It is not clear from the Conceptual Closure and Rehabilitation Plan how the ToR was followed in terms of the evaluation of alternative methods laid out in section 7.3 of the approved amended ToR. Please provide additional detail on the evaluation methods used to select the preferred alternatives.</p> | <p>A Closure Alternatives Assessment Memo was provided as part of the Conceptual Closure and Rehabilitation Plan.</p> <p>In the preparation of the conceptual closure plan (and also the formal closure plan), due consideration was given to possible alternative approaches that could be taken to the closure of each element of the project. A closure planning alternative assessment was provided in Part B of the Version 2 Conceptual Closure and Rehabilitation Plan TSD. This technical memorandum outlines the alternatives that were considered for each element of mine closure as well as the rationale that was used to select the preferred alternative.</p> <p>The closure alternatives assessment follows the methods laid out in the Terms of Reference through presentation of potential alternative means, and screening of these alternative means based on the criteria adapted from MOE's Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario (2009).</p> <p>The closure alternatives assessment does not present a comparative evaluation of potential closure alternatives, because the screening exercise determined the only feasible closure alternatives are those that were selected.</p> | <p>The EA must consider the alternative methods of carrying out the project for all phases of the project, including closure and post-closure. The assessment and evaluation of the closure and post-closure alternatives must be brought forward into the main body of the EA document (Chapter 4) for the purpose of clarity and transparency.</p> <p>See comment EAB1 for further information requirements regarding the assessment and evaluation of the closure and post-closure alternatives.</p> | Additional information provided in: Comprehensive Alternative Assessment Tables for the Construction, Operations and Closure Phases in Part 3 of Version 3 Alternative Assessment TSD | N/A |