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			<i>Date: March 2014</i> MNR-9	<i>Date: June 2015</i>	<i>Date: August 2015</i>	<i>Date: September 2016</i>	
MNRF-9	Aquatic Habitat		Providing details of planning and logistics of the draining of Mitta Lake <u>after</u> the EA approved is not acceptable. The EA needs to include more details than what is currently provided.	<p>A conceptual design of the water removal from Mitta Lake will be developed and shared with Aboriginal groups and Project stakeholders. Water in Mitta Lake will be used as part of the mine commissioning/operation where possible. Use of piping, pumping and the PPCP infrastructure that is required for other mine operations will be relied on as much as possible. Removal of sediment and shallow overburden maybe required as part of the pre-treatment preparation of the open pit. If required, lake sediment collection and disposal methods will be identified and sediment will be disposed of in the overburden stockpile.</p> <p>Fish salvaged from Mitta Lake will be relocated in consideration of the overall No Net Loss Plan developed for the Project. Alternative locations for fish relocation will be examined through an assessment of logistics and consultation with the DFO and MNR. The NNLP considers stocking of four fishless headwater lakes/ponds as part of the offset Projects. Sawbill Bay will also be considered as an alternative location. Timing of the draining of Mitta Lake will be scheduled based on fish sensitivity. Methods of fish capture will be described including planned sampling, handling, transport and release. Some mortality of fish is expected and plans for disposal of dead fish will be developed in consideration of potential wildlife issues. Disposal methods and locations will be identified and predation by birds and wildlife will be avoided.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing a preliminary outline of the planning to drain Mitta Lake in the response to comment T-62, however this should be written into the EA document and more detail will be required (for example, fish stocking destinations, lake sediment disposal) when permits are triggered as it should be noted that there are likely permits/approvals that are required from MNRF for the transport and stocking of fish and specific details will be required before they will be issued.</p> <p>When will the conceptual design for the water removal of Mitta Lake be available to review if construction is expected to commence shortly after the EA is approved? The conceptual design should be available to the public as a whole, not just Aboriginal groups and project stakeholders.</p>	<p>The preliminary framework for the draining of Mitta Lake described in the response to comment T-62 is part of the formal EA record because the response to T-62 is documented in Part 1 of the Addendum to the Final EIS/EA Report (submitted in June 2015). CMC is not planning to revise the Final EIS/EA that has been submitted and is now part of the public record.</p> <p>As noted in T-62, the development of the plan to drain Mitta Lake will include consultation with DFO and MNRF. CMC understands and acknowledges that more detail will be required to support the required permit applications for the draining of Mitta Lake. Permits will be sought after the detailed plan has been developed and the required information is available. Detailed planning will take place during the permitting phase of the project which will not commence until EA approval is received. Once the plan has been developed, it will be made available to the public as a whole. All permit applications will be submitted and approvals will be in place before construction.</p> <p>A revised project schedule has been provided in response to comment EAB-08NEW. This schedule is dependent on economic considerations and of timing of EA approval. If the economic environment is supportive of the project and EA approval is received in 2016, the detailed planning and permitting associated with the draining of Mitta Lake will take place prior to the beginning of 2019.</p>	MNRF-9B

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				<p>Discussions with Aboriginal groups utilizing the RSA committees and the Métis consultation committee will ensure appropriate cultural and spiritual protocols are followed.</p> <p>Water from Mitta Lake will be released at the approved Project discharge location and will comply with the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval for water discharge.</p> <p>Reference: See response to comment T-62 for further details</p>			