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

COMMENT – A-3

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

The proponent should be advised that: Under Article V of the Canada-U.S. Air Quality Agreement (AQA), Canada is obligated to notify the U.S. of any proposed actions, activities or projects which, if carried out, would be likely to cause significant transboundary air pollution. Notification is required for:

1. Any new air pollution source located within 100 km of the Canada-U.S. border that is expected to emit greater than 90 tonnes per year of any one of the common air pollutants: sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide, total suspended particulates (TSP) and volatile organic compounds (VOC), where VOCs are defined as compounds containing at least one carbon atom, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofluorocarbons; or,
2. Major modifications of existing facilities which could result in an increase of 40 or more tonnes per year of one or more common pollutants. With respect to hazardous air pollutants, Notification is required if a new source, or a modification of an existing source, results in a release of greater than 1 tonne per year of any one hazardous air pollutant.

For the purposes of Notification, a hazardous air pollutant is any substance in the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) that is not categorized as a criteria air contaminant (or common air pollutant).

Please note that if the proposed facility does not meet the notification criteria, there is no requirement to complete and return to EC the notification application form.

Proposed Action

Evaluate if filing transboundary notification under the Canada-U.S. Air Quality Agreement is required and if so, complete filing this notification with EC prior to commencing operations.

Reference to EIS

EIS Report, Chapter 8, Table 8-2 pg.8-11; Regulating Authority/ Compliance Requirements

Response

The Project site is located approximately 83 km from the Canada-U.S. border; therefore the proposed facility does meet the notification criteria if the notification thresholds are exceeded.

Canadian Malartic Corporation will review the Project's predicted emissions as they relate to notification thresholds and will file transboundary notifications under the Canada-U.S. Air Quality Agreement with EC prior to commencing operations and/or prior to any major modifications if the notification thresholds are predicted to be exceeded.