

**Table A - IR2: Information Requests Derived from the Canadian Malartic Corporation's Responses to Information Request #1 (IR1) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement /Environmental Assessment Report for the Federal Environmental Assessment of the Hammond Reef Gold Mine Project**

Reference #	Link to IR1	Ecosystem Topic	Reference to EIS Guidelines	Reference to EIS	Summary of Comment/ Rationale	Information Request Response to Information Request
T(2)-15		Aboriginal Interest and Land and Resource Use	10.1.3, 10.3.1	Aboriginal Interests TSD, section 7.3.2.2  Terrestrial Ecology TSD	<p>The Aboriginal Interests TSD indicates that the proponent will cooperate with First Nations in the preservation of special sites thus the likely effect of the Project on the special sites are not assessed further. It is not clear whether the Project will limit access to these special sites. If the project is likely to affect the access to these special sites by Aboriginal peoples, the effects should be described with mitigation measures.</p> <p>It is also unclear whether the assessment included the potential loss of access by Aboriginal groups as a factor in determining impacts to the ability to exercise traditional Aboriginal practices (i.e. hunting, fishing, trapping, harvesting) in the vicinity of the Project. It is not clear whether access to adjacent sites would be compromised.</p> <p>For example, the Terrestrial Ecology TSD states 215 hectares out of 1033 hectares in the local study area (LSA) will be lost. The documentation further states the traditional land use study indicates wild rice, plants, and berries are also harvested in the larger regional study area (RSA) and concludes the impacts of the lost harvesting area in the LSA is insignificant as the lost area is approximately 0.03% of the RSA. It is unclear whether this conclusion considers access to harvesting areas.</p> <p>This information will assist the Agency in assessing the effects of the Project on the current use of lands and resources by Aboriginal peoples in the vicinity of the Project (i.e. access to special sites, hunting, fishing, trapping, harvesting).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the potential effects of the Project on access for Aboriginal groups' use of lands and resources for traditional practices (i.e. access to special sites, hunting, fishing, trapping, harvesting)</li> <li>Describe the mitigation measures to address lost or restricted access to special sites, hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting areas.</li> </ol> <p><b>Response:</b> CMC has conducted workshops and surveys directly with elders from the First Nations communities. CMC has also provided capacity funding for independent land use studies to take place. These studies identified areas of importance within the Project footprint for a variety of land uses. The confidential nature of the information provided throughout these workshops and within the reports does not allow for publication of map highlighting important transportation routes.</p> <p>Mitigation measures in place to offset impacts to Aboriginal peoples include a commitment to protect special sites, the establishment of committees, direct compensation at key milestones, ongoing funding for education and training and ongoing support to maximize business opportunities for our Aboriginal partners.</p>