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

COMMENT – T-23

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

The report does not identify any monitoring of country foods during operations. Given that country foods were evaluated for baseline conditions, in the event of public complaints about changes in taste, quality or other aspect related to country foods, additional sampling could be undertaken.

Proposed Action

Provide confirmation on whether a country foods sampling program will be included in the follow-up monitoring program or provide rationale as to why they have been excluded from the environmental management plan.

Reference to EIS

HHERA TSD, Section 6.0

IR Response to HC-4

Response

Canadian Malartic Corporation understands that the Government Review Team is concerned about potential changes to country foods resulting from the Project. As discussed in the response to Health Canada's comment HC-4, included as part of the Final EIS/EA Report, modelling of maximum deposition rates from the Project during operations suggests that negligible increases in vegetation concentrations (i.e., <0.3%) would occur as a result of the Project. Thus, monitoring of country foods is not recommended. There may be natural variation in chemical concentrations in country foods that are un-related to the Project, making the interpretation of any monitoring data that would be collected during Project operations difficult.

Canadian Malartic Corporation is committed to working with local land users and Aboriginal communities. This commitment includes the use of committees to identify social and cultural concerns as well as ongoing support for cultural events and initiatives. Should changes in country foods be identified through these committees, further monitoring and mitigation measures will be implemented.