

Appendix C6

Feedback and Response Log - Government Review Team - Ministry of Energy and Mines



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Ministry of Energy and Mines	1	<p>The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is currently evaluating possible energy supply options for the Ring of Fire region, including to connect remote First Nation communities through the Northern Ontario Connection Study.</p> <p>The preliminary results of this study indicate that the most effective option, from a technical and cost-efficiency perspective, is via a north-south option consisting of a double circuit 230 kV transmission line, connecting to the existing East West Tie Line near Nipigon Bay.</p> <p>IESO is currently engaging with Indigenous communities on the potential energy supply options and will be seeking to publish a final report in Summer 2025.</p> <p>If there is community support and a business case for building a north-south electricity transmission line to connect the remote communities and the Ring of Fire region, it may be desirable and most cost effective to co locate that line with the road infrastructure.</p> <p>While the potential transmission line would undergo a separate planning and</p>	<p>Co-locating a future electricity transmission line within the roadway right-of-way of the Community Access Road could be a cost-effective option. However, references to potential benefits of co-locating a potential future linear infrastructure were not added to the Final EA/IS as this comment is considered recommended.</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details</p>	1125

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		<p>environmental assessment process, this EA could, where appropriate, reflect IESO’s study and reference the potential benefits of co-locating linear infrastructure to reduce environmental impacts.</p>			
<p>Ministry of Energy and Mines</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>“The government has promised to fund the planning and regulatory approval for a road from Marten Falls connecting to the existing provincial highway in the south.”</p> <p>Provide reference - would be helpful to reference the forum in which this was promised, and whether provincial, federal or both</p>	<p>In 2016 the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (now the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines [ENDM]) confirmed financial support on permitting the Project (MFFN 2017) and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (now Indigenous Services Canada, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada [CIRNAC]) provided financial support under the Building Canada Fund for work related to realignment of the winter road to higher ground. The reference to the 2017 MFFN All-Season Community Access Road – Project Proposal was added to the Final EA/IS.</p>	<p>Final EA/IS Section 2.3</p>	<p>1131</p>
<p>Ministry of Energy and Mines</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>“This puts MFFN in the unique position of being both the Proponent and Indigenous community that must be consulted.”</p> <p>Add Context – currently there is no additional context or description of this</p>	<p>Section 11.2.2 describes the role of MFFN as both the Proponent (involved in the community-led process) and the Indigenous community (potentially affected by the Community Access Road). With these distinct roles, additional opportunities related to the</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details. Final EA/IS Section 11.2.2</p>	<p>1132</p>

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		<p>unique position / interplay, or how it will be addressed/how this practically impacts consultation.</p>	<p>Consultation and Engagement Program were provided, including opportunities to review documents and attend meetings in advance of other Indigenous communities, government agencies, and interested persons. With MFFN as the Proponent, the EA / IA process was grounded and guided by the interests, priorities and well-being of the community.</p> <p>This involvement contributed to MFFN's interests being reflected in inputs directly connected to key milestones and outcomes. This early involvement has allowed the Community to provide valuable insights and feedback on various aspects of the Community Access Road, including the Assessment Process, Indigenous Knowledge Program, and route selection, ultimately leading towards a preferred route recommendation signed by the Band Council. Marten Falls First Nation's participation has helped incorporate traditional knowledge and practices into the Assessment Process. As the Proponent and key rightsholder, Marten Falls First Nation is directly impacted by the outcome of the Community Access Road's, fostering a deeper level of engagement and commitment to the</p>		

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			Community Access Road's success.		
Ministry of Energy and Mines	3	<p>“It would also not meet the commitment from Ontario to plan and construct an all-season access road connecting Marten Falls to the highway network.”</p> <p>“In addition to impacts to Marten Falls First Nation, without the Community Access Road it would not be possible to develop proposed mineral projects in the far north that the Province has indicated its support for.”</p> <p>Add reference - Related to p.7 s.2.3 comment - would be helpful to reference the forum / document in which this was committed/promised.</p>	Reference to the Government of Ontario News Release (August 21, 2017): Ontario and First Nations Moving Ahead with Road to Ring of Fire has been added to Sections 2.3 and 4.1.1 of the Final EA/IS.	Final EA/IS Sections 2.3 and 4.1.1	1133
Ministry of Energy and Mines	4	<p>Many of the maps throughout the Draft EA/IS and Appendices do not correctly identify First Nation Communities or Reserves, including inset maps</p> <p>Maps within Section 8 have a layering issue, in which the Ontario Parks layers covers the water bodies and rivers.</p> <p>Review all maps to ensure First Nation Communities and Reserves are correctly and consistently identified.</p>	The maps in the Final EA/IS have been reviewed and updated to correctly identify the FN communities and Reserves. The maps within Section 8 were adjusted as needed to confirm water features are not covered with other features.	Final EA/IS Figures	1134

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		Review all the maps within Section 8 and adjust accordingly to ensure water features are not covered with other features			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	5	Names of various Provincial Ministries and Federal agencies have changed. Review and update as required the names of Provincial Ministries and Federal Agencies	We have incorporated the comment provided into the Final EA/IS.	Final EA/IS: throughout the document, where applicable.	1135
Ministry of Energy and Mines	6	Well-being is not defined in the Executive summary, Plain Language Summary or Appendix T. Minobimaadziwin is introduced in the Executive Summary but is not presented as a the framework for well-being; is it correct to make the connection?	This comment is editorial and was not incorporated into the Final EA/IS.	Comment noted; see response for details.	1136
Ministry of Energy and Mines	7	General comment: How/why were mitigation measures selected? Clarify process for selection with reference to best practices if possible. For example, OECD Toolkit to measure well-being in mining regions, Mining Association's Towards Sustainable Mining, Prospectors and Developers Association's e3 Plus Framework and	These measures consist of industry-standard practices, federal and provincial standard specifications, regulator-mandated measures, best management practices, Indigenous and community recommendations and recommendations from environmental professionals based on expertise, scientific publications, experience, and judgement.	Comment noted; see response for details.	1137

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		Study on Social Impact of Mineral Development Projects in Indigenous Communities, international Council on Mining and Metals - Indigenous Peoples and Mining - Good Practice Guide, etc			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	8	<p>How were these mitigation measures selected?</p> <p>Concerns around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working group: how will this group operationalize recommended actions? - “Autonomous work camps”: restricting movement of workers - Correlative (vs. causal) relationship between diversity hiring and inclusive workplace culture <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>These mitigation measures were selected based on best management practices, experience working on similar projects and professional judgement. We envision the working group to work similar to local existing environmental advisory committees. The comment was not incorporated into the Final EA/IS, as this is an editorial comment.</p>	Comment noted; see response for details	1138
Ministry of Energy and Mines	9	<p>Increased economic opportunities may not be equally distributed across all populations; how might this impact communities?</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>It is recognized that increased economic opportunities may not be distributed equally across populations and that this could create social tensions. For example, lateral violence may persist at low to moderate levels if some individuals feel excluded from opportunities, potentially leading to resentment. Section 7.1.1.4 of Appendix T Community Well-Being Technical</p>	Comment noted; see response for details.	1140

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			<p>Support Document discusses opportunities for women and gender-diverse individuals, including participation in traditionally male-dominated industries as well as growth in education, healthcare, and hospitality sectors. The Final EA/IS also considers shifts in caregiving roles and household dynamics that may arise as population and economic activity increase.</p>		
<p>Ministry of Energy and Mines</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>How is “community readiness” defined?</p> <p>What considerations need to be made regarding rotational shifts for workers in autonomous camps? Are there considerations that need to be made to support families in the absence of a member?</p> <p>How are concerns around literacy and basic skills addressed ahead of employment service delivery?</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>Community Readiness is understood as the extent of a community’s capacity to actively participate in and benefit from emerging economic opportunities. For this Project, workforce readiness is linked to training, skills development, and support systems that enable long-term participation in employment.</p> <p>Appendix T Community Well-Being Technical Support Document identifies several enhancement measures that address community readiness as outlined in Section 7.1.1.5 and 7.1.1.6. It is recommended that the Owner/Operator work with Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services (KKETS) and other Indigenous training organizations to support culturally appropriate education, training, and employment pathways for</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details.</p>	<p>1139</p>

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			<p>community members.</p> <p>Additional enhancement measures are provided in Section 7 that can be considered during detail design.</p>		
Ministry of Energy and Mines	11	<p>No measures proposed—would public finance training benefit communities? Resources are available through many providers, including RoadMap First Nations Financial Management Board</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>The Final EA/IS assessed public finances using Statistics Canada input–output multipliers to estimate tax revenues during construction and operation. The assessment concluded there are no adverse residual effects on public finances and therefore no mitigation or enhancement measures were required.</p> <p>We acknowledge the comment regarding potential benefits of financial literacy or training programs. While such initiatives could provide value to individuals and families, they are not directly linked to Project effects on public finances and therefore fall outside the scope of the EA/IS.</p> <p>If communities identify financial literacy as a priority, this could be explored further through the working group during detail design, including opportunities to connect with existing providers such as the First Nations Financial Management Board.</p>	Comment noted; see response for details.	1141

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Ministry of Energy and Mines	12	<p>No effects anticipated—does that mean no travel is permissible to/from camps during construction? Are there opportunities to provide access to community members have benefits? (access to goods, services, personal health care products, etc)</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>Consideration was given to Community Access to Infrastructure and Services during construction; however, these matters are outside the scope of the Project. Therefore, the suggested edit has not been included in the Final EA/IS.</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details</p>	1142
Ministry of Energy and Mines	13	<p>Any opportunities for moving units from camps into community once construction is completed?</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>Opportunities to transition units from camps into the community post-construction have not been included in the Final EA/IS as this is considered outside the scope of the Project.</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details</p>	1143
Ministry of Energy and Mines	14	<p>An issue that may require addressing based on community feedback is ensuring supports for individuals who have experienced sexual violence, noting reports of sexual assaults in/around worker camps, human smuggling, sex work, etc</p> <p>Another consideration may be around supporting workers and families when there are crises in communities.</p>	<p>Violence and harassment, including sexual assault have been considered as part of public safety within Appendix T Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details</p>	1144

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		Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	15	<p>An issue that may require addressing based on community feedback is ensuring supports for families (parents, youth and elder-specific) who are separated from workers living in camps</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	Potential change in family dynamics as a result in community members working and living in camps has been considered as part of Section 7 of Appendix T Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, and mitigation measures are outlined in Table 7-19 of Appendix T.	Comment noted; see response for details	1145
Ministry of Energy and Mines	16	<p>Communities have raised concerns about human smuggling and trafficking guns, drugs and other gang-related activities which will require addressing</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	Human smuggling, weapons trafficking, drugs and other related activities have been considered as part of public safety within Appendix T Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	Comment noted; see response for details	1146
Ministry of Energy and Mines	17	<p>Opportunity here to work with MTO on remote driver licensing</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	Section 7.1.1.50 of Appendix T Community Well-being Technical Support Document of the Final EA/IS was update to reflect the opportunity to collaborate with the Ministry of Transportation to undertake remote driver’s license testing.	Appendix T Section 7.1.1.50	1147
Ministry of Energy and	18	Opportunity here and need to work with MOH on emergency services planning,	Section 7.1.1.50 of Appendix T Community Well-being Technical Support	Appendix T Section	1148

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Mines		<p>including meeting standards</p> <p>Consider comments and questions proposed and update the draft EA/IS as appropriate</p>	<p>Document of the Final EA/IS was update to reflect the opportunity to collaborate with the Ministry of Health on emergency services planning.</p>	7.1.1.50	
Ministry of Energy and Mines	19	<p>Unclear why there is a placeholder for Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights and interests</p> <p>Provide rationale for placeholder / reference to Appendix</p>	<p>Table 8.3-2 of the Final EA/IS has been updated to include the information on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, Community Well-Being and Visual information.</p>	Final EA/IS Table 8.3-2	1149
Ministry of Energy and Mines	20	<p>The Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment aims to assess the Community Access Road's potential impacts by developing a shared understanding of these rights and interests. This assessment includes several steps, which will be detailed in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.</p> <p>No additional context re: unique circumstance of MFFN being the Proponent consulting other FNs, how this interplays with the Crowns DTC, what MFFNs obligations are etc.</p>	<p>The dynamic of Marten Fall First Nation being both the proponent, and a consulted community is acknowledged in the Final EA/IS. Marten Falls First Nation is committed to meeting the Terms of Reference and Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Community Access Road, as required by provincial and federal regulators.</p>	Comment noted; see response for details	1150
Ministry of Energy and Mines	21	<p>"The Project study area falls within lands under jurisdiction of the Marten Falls First Nation Community-Based Land Use</p>	<p>Section 8.3.9.2.1 of the Final EA/IS has been updated. The sentence was edited as follows: "The Community Access</p>	Final EA/IS Section 8.3.9.2.1	1151

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		<p>Plan”</p> <p>Define jurisdiction – provide clarity for what this means, what does MFFN have jurisdiction over?</p>	<p>Road falls within lands identified in the Draft Marten Falls First Nation Community-Based Land Use Plan (Marten Falls First Nation, 2020)".</p>		
Ministry of Energy and Mines	22	<p>Within the Local Study Area there are seven traplines that intersect the Community Access Road centreline, out of a total of ten traplines intersecting the Local Study Area. All the trap line holders in the Local Study Area are understood to be Indigenous. Aroland and Ginoogaming FN have overlapping traplines with the Construction Disturbance Area</p> <p>How will trapline holders be accommodated? How will overlapping traplines be addressed?</p> <p>Is MFFN consulting on this specific contemplated action?</p>	<p>Prior to PIC No. 6, head trappers were issued notices developed by MFFN Project Team and distributed by the MNR in Sioux Lookout. Notices sent to the head trappers included an appended map with Alternatives 1 and 4. The notices also identified contact information to discuss any comments or concerns that the head trapper may have. No head trappers provided responses to our notices and 1 letter was sent back from GE148 indicating the head trapper had moved.</p> <p>Marten Falls and the province are negotiating who the eventual owner / operator of the Community Access Road will be, including topics such as compensation to trapline holders.</p>	Comment noted; see response for details.	1152
Ministry of Energy and Mines	23	<p>As described in Section 8.3.4, each of the 23 Indigenous communities listed in Section 11.2 will be issued a Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report.</p>	<p>Appendix O has been updated to include the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Technical Support Document. Sections 8.3.4, 9.5.2 and 10.4.2 of the Final EA/IS have been updated to include the previously missing ATRI</p>	Final EA/IS Sections 8.3.4, 9.5.2 and 10.4.2 Appendix O	1153

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		<p>Marten Falls First Nation’s intention is for Indigenous communities to first review this Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The feedback will be included as a summary in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement while keeping information confidential and will be developed based on dialogue with Indigenous communities and a literature review of publicly available documents.</p> <p>This section defers discussion of constitutionally protected rights to Appendix O, which is currently only the 2021 study plan in the draft EA. For the final EA, update this section to summarize information contained in Appendix O regarding constitutionally protected rights and how they apply to the project.</p> <p>Understanding that 23 communities will be issued a Preliminary Report – there is limited context.</p>	<p>related information.</p>		
Ministry of Energy and Mines	24	A memo regarding Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests study areas was distributed via the October e-Blast and posted on the Project website on November 5, 2024. The memo shared	The memo regarding the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests study areas (ATRI) has been added to Appendix O Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Technical Support	Appendix O	1154

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		<p>updates on the study areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment that will be completed for the Community Access Road. The updates included revisions to the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests study areas for the Impact Assessment which involved an increase in buffer for the Local Study Area, an increase in size for the Regional Study Area and an inclusion of a Caribou Regional Study Area.</p> <p>Include the memo in the appropriate Appendix (Appendix X)</p>	<p>Document of the Final EA/IS</p>		
<p>Ministry of Energy and Mines</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>“At a later date, each of the 23 Indigenous communities will be issued a Preliminary Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report. Our intention is for Indigenous communities to first review this Draft EA/IA and the Preliminary Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report from each community.”</p> <p>Timeline and task unclear</p> <p>When will the Preliminary Report be distributed?</p>	<p>Communities received community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Reports at the time of submission of the Draft EA/IS.</p>	<p>Comment noted; see response for details.</p>	<p>1155</p>

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		<p>The expectation is that communities are commenting on the draft EA/IS simultaneously with the Preliminary Report - the EA/IS states that communities will be given sufficient time to review and comment but the overall timeline is unclear.</p> <p>Provide timeline – clarify</p>			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	26	<p>Review and reassess the listing of the projects included in cumulative effects assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove projects that are occurring on First Nation Reserve Lands as the list is incomplete for those First Nations closest to the project and may not be relevant to the cumulative effects assessment for the MFCAR. - Winter Road Realignment Projects and associated water crossing installation are not included as part of the assessment <p>Review, assess and update the list of projects that are being used as part of cumulative effects assessment and make adjustments accordingly. Request updates from provincial ministries (e.g. MNR, MNEDG) and federal agencies (e.g. ISC) for updated information about the Winter Road Realignment</p>	<p>The projects or activities within First Nations lands were included on the Project Inclusions List to demonstrate that Indigenous communities were considered and assessed as part of the cumulative effects assessment. Projects and activities where information was publicly available at the time of preparation of the cumulative effects assessment were included on the Project Inclusions List. Through the assessment it was ultimately determined that the identified projects and activities within the Indigenous communities are not anticipated to have cumulative effects resulting from the construction or operation of the Community Access Road. It should be noted that Indigenous communities which provided comments on the Draft EA/IS did not request to have these projects or activities removed; or identified new ones to be</p>	Comment noted; see response for details.	1156

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Ministry of Energy and Mines	27	<p>Incorrect terminology, while the route does cross mafic and felsic metavolcanic rocks the bulk of the Archean bedrock that underlays the proposed route are felsic intrusions (granitoids), and the word “volcanics” should be changed to “metavolcanics” For further clarification, suggest outreaching to Ontario Geologic Survey of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, as needed.</p> <p>Should read “The first and largest group consists primarily of Neoarchean to Mesoarchean (2.5 to 3.2 billion years) felsic intrusions, felsic to mafic metavolcanics, and metasedimentary rocks.</p>	The Final EA/IS has been updated to include this editorial edit.	Final EA/IS Appendix N	1157
Ministry of Energy and Mines	28	<p>Incorrect terminology used. The following sentence is incorrect and needs to be rewritten “the most common Archean volcanic rocks within the regional Study Area are part of a suite of foliated to massive rocks composed of tonalite to granodiorite”</p> <p>The above rock types (tonalite and granodiorite) are felsic intrusions, and not metavolcanic rocks.</p>	The Final EA/IS has been updated to include this editorial edit.	Final EA/IS Appendix N, Section 5.1	1158

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		<p>The sentence should be changed to “the most common Archean rocks within the Regional Study Area are felsic intrusions belonging to the suite of foliated to massive rocks composed of tonalite to granodiorite”</p>			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	29	<p>Incorrect terminology used, the word “volcanics” is incorrect when referring to this type of rock from the Archean should be changed to “metavolcanics”</p> <p>Volcanics should be replaced to metavolcanics</p>	The Final EA/IS has been updated to include this editorial edit.	Final EA/IS Appendix N, Section 5.1	1159
Ministry of Energy and Mines	30	<p>The project inclusion list, has out of date company and/or project names listed, this should be updated to reflect status.</p> <p>Please update the following:</p> <p>Musselwhite is now owned and operated by Orla Mining Ltd.</p> <p>The Hardrock project is owned by Equinox Gold Corp. and named Greenstone Mine</p> <p>Zenyatta Ventures is now Albany Graphite Corp. a wholly owned subsidiary of Zentek Ltd.</p>	The bullet points in Section 6.8.2 and Table 10.1-1 of the Final EA/IS and Appendix E Project Inclusions List have been updated to note the change in ownership, name change and closure.	Final EA/IS Section 6.8.2 and Table 10.1-1 Appendix E	1160

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		De Beers' Victor Mine (closed)			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	31	<p>Minor spelling errors and out of date company/project names, also unsure why some of the projects are listed as "closer proximity" due to some of the projects in significantly different geographic locations and watersheds to the Project</p> <p>The following should be changed:</p> <p>Eagle's Nest Mine changed to Eagle's Nest Project</p> <p>Greenstone Gold Hardrock Mine changed to Equinox Gold Greenstone Gold Mine</p> <p>Hammon Reef Project to Hammond Reef Project</p> <p>Goliath Gold Mine to Goliath Gold Project</p> <p>Marathon Platinum Group Metals Copper Mine Project is now Generation Mining Ltd. Copper - Palladium Project</p> <p>Please check on current ownership/project name</p>	<p>The Final EA/IS has been updated to correct spelling errors and out of date company/project names as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eagle's Nest Mine was changed to Eagle's Nest Project in Section 6.8.3, Table 10.1-1 and Table 10.3-2 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E Project Inclusions List. - Greenstone Gold Hardrock Mine was changed to Equinox Gold Greenstone Gold Mine in Section 6.8.3, Section 8.3.9.7, Table 10-1 and Table 10.4-2 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Hammon Reef Project was changed to Hammond Reef Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10.1-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Goliath Gold Mine was changed to Goliath Gold Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Marathon Platinum Group Metals Copper Mine Project was changed to Generation Mining Ltd. Copper - Palladium Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. 	Final EA/IS Sections 6.8.3 and 8.3.9.7, Tables 10.1-1 and 10.3-2 and 10.4-2 Appendix E	1161
Ministry of	32	The following sentence needs some	Section 8.1.7 of the Final EA/IS has been	Final EA/IS	1162

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Energy and Mines		<p>rewording , as the sedimentary rocks of the Lowlands overlies the Shield’s crystalline bedrock.</p> <p>“The desktop assessment found that there are two major regions within the study area: Precambrian Shield and Hudson Bay Lowland. The Precambrian Shield has crystalline bedrock, while the Hudson Bay Lowlands have sedimentary bedrock”</p> <p>A possible rewording could be: “The desktop assessment found that there are two major regions within the study area: Precambrian Shield and Hudson Bay Lowland. The Precambrian Shield is comprised of older crystalline bedrock, while the Hudson Bay Lowlands consists of younger sedimentary lithologies overlaying the older crystalline bedrock”</p>	updated to include the wording recommended.	Section 8.1.7	
Ministry of Energy and Mines	33	<p>Out of date information regarding the Greenstone Mine, for instance entered commercial production in 2024.</p> <p>Recommend updating to reflect that they have initiated commercial production as well as ownership status as they are wholly owned by Equinox Gold Corp.</p>	The ownership of the Greenstone Mine has been updated in Section 8.3.9.7 of the Final EA/IS.	Final EA/IS Section 8.3.9.7	1163
Ministry of	34	Map needs to be updated, missing the	The Greenstone Gold Mine has been	Final EA/IS	1164

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Energy and Mines		<p>location for the producing Greenstone Gold Mine, south of Geraldton, ON.</p> <p>Redraft to include the Greenstone Mine</p>	<p>added to Figure 8.3-18 of the Final EA/IS and to Figure 5-3 of Appendix U Land and Resource Use Technical Support Document.</p>	<p>Figure 8.3-18 Appendix U Figure 5-3</p>	
Ministry of Energy and Mines	35	<p>Minor spelling errors and out of date company/project names, also unsure why some of the projects are listed as “closer proximity” due to some of the projects in significantly different geographic locations and watersheds to the Community Access Road Project</p> <p>Please check on current ownership/project name and operational status.</p>	<p>The Final EA/IS has been updated to correct spelling errors and out of date company/project names as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eagle’s Nest Mine was changed to Eagle’s Nest Project in Section 6.8.3, Table 10.1-1, Table 10.3-2 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E Project Inclusions List. - Greenstone Gold Hardrock Mine was changed to Equinox Gold Greenstone Gold Mine in Section 6.8.3, Section 8.3.9.7, Table 10-1 and Table 10.4-2 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Hammon Reef Project was changed to Hammond Reef Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10.1-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Goliath Gold Mine was changed to Goliath Gold Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as in Appendix E. - Marathon Platinum Group Metals Copper Mine Project was changed to Generation Mining Ltd. Copper - Palladium Project in Section 6.8.3 and Table 10-1 of the Final EA/IS, as well as 	<p>Final EA/IS Sections 6.8.3 and 8.3.9.7, Tables 10.1-1 and 10.3-2 and 10.4-2 Appendix E</p>	1165

Table: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Ministry of Energy and Mines

Group Name	Comment ID from source	Comment Raised	Response	Addressed in the EA / IS	Internal ID
			in Appendix E.		
Ministry of Energy and Mines	36	Map needs to be updated, missing the location for the producing Greenstone Gold Mine, south of Geraldton, ON. Redraft to include the Greenstone Mine	The Greenstone Gold Mine has been added to Figure 8.3-18 of the Final EA/IS and to Figure 5-3 of Appendix U Land and Resource Use Technical Support Document.	Final EA/IS Figure 8.3-18 Appendix U Figure 5-3	1166
Ministry of Energy and Mines	37	Out of date information for Greenstone Gold Recommend updating to reflect that they have initiated commercial production as well as ownership status as they are wholly owned by Equinox Gold Corp	Section 5.1.7 of Appendix U Land and Resource Use Technical Support Document has been updated to reflect the commencement of commercial production of the Greenstone Gold Mine.	Appendix U Section 5.1.7	1167