



**APPENDIX C-2**

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	<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>
CEAA	<i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>
CEA Agency	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EAA	<i>(Ontario) Environmental Assessment Act</i>
MMER	Metal Mining Effluent Regulations
MOE	Ministry of the Environment
MNDM	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
RRGP	Rainy River Gold Project
RRR	Rainy River Resources
SAR	Species at Risk
TK / TLU	Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use
TMA	Tailings Management Area
ToR	Terms of Reference

\* Copy of the Approved ToR provided in Appendix C-1.

	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
App	Appendix
[App _]	Appendix in a report contained in Volume 3+ (Appendices) of the Environmental Assessment (ie. an appendix in an appendix to the Environmental Assessment Report)
(FS)	Figure in Volume 1 (Summary) of Environmental Assessment Report
F	Figure in Volume 2 (Main Text) of Environmental Assessment Report
[App_ F_]	Figure located in a report contained in Volume 3+ (Appendices) of the Environmental Assessment Report (ie. a figure in an appendix to the Environmental Assessment Report)
(S_)	Section in Volume 1 (Summary) of Environmental Assessment Report
S	Section in Volume 2 (Main Text) of Environmental Assessment Report
[App_ S_]	Section in a report contained in Volume 3+ (Appendices) of the Environmental Assessment Report (ie. a section in an appendix to the Environmental Assessment Report)
T	Table in Volume 2 of Environmental Assessment Report, unless otherwise noted
[App_ T_]	Table in a report contained in Volume 3+ (Appendices) of the Environmental Assessment Report (ie. a table in an appendix to the Environmental Assessment Report)
(V1)	Volume 1: Summary of Environmental Assessment Report (Environmental Impact Statement)
[V3+]	Volume 3+: Appendices of Environmental Assessment Report (Environmental Impact Statement)
'_'	Underscore is used in referencing multiple sections, to reflect the heading level that changes (for example: S7_.1, represents S7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.3.1,...)

#	APPROVED ToR	EA REF	STATUS OR COMMENTS
	<b>2.0 INDICATION OF HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE PREPARED</b>		
	<b>2.1 Provincial Requirements</b>		
1.	RRR has entered into a Voluntary Agreement to complete a single coordinated Provincial EA process. The EA will be completed in accordance with Section 6(2)(c) of the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> , and will consider the whole RRGP and not just those aspects having Provincial EA requirements	S1.6.2	Complete
2.	The EA report that will be prepared as part of the EA process and will conform to the ToR, and will include as a minimum: - a description of the purpose of the undertaking - a description of and a statement of the rationale for alternative methods and the undertaking - a description on the environment that may be affected or reasonably be expected to be affected, directly or indirectly, effects that may be caused or reasonably expected and actions that may be reasonably be expected to prevent, change, mitigate or remedy any effects	S1.2, S6.1, S6.2, S5, S7	Complete
	<b>2.2 Federal Requirements</b>		
3.	RRR is working with the Provincial and Federal approvals agencies to integrate the EA processes to meet the needs of each Act (Ontario EAA and CEAA)	S1.6.3	Complete
4.	RRR has been informed that the Federal EA requirements will apply - the MOE and the CEA Agency, as well as RRR will attempt to coordinate public consultation activities in order to minimize the effort required by stakeholders to be effectively engaged; directed by the <i>Canada-Ontario Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation</i>	S1.6.1, S1.6.3	Complete
5.	A single EA document will be produced, the content will be guided by both the approved Provincial ToR and the EIS Guidelines. Concordance table(s) will be provided	S1.7, AppB-2, AppC-2	Complete
6.	A draft EA document will be provided for review, comment, and conformity review (to the ToR and EIS Guidelines) by stakeholders (including government agencies, other interested groups and the public) and Aboriginal groups	S1.7, S3.4, AppD-9	Complete

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	<b>4.0 DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING</b>		
	<b>4.1 Description of the Undertaking</b>		
7.	The major components of the proposed undertaking are expected to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- open pit and underground mine;</li> <li>- ore processing plant;</li> <li>- maintenance shop, warehouse and administration complex;</li> <li>- construction and possible operations accommodations complexes;</li> <li>- explosives manufacturing and storage facilities;</li> <li>- stockpiles (overburden, run of mine ore, low-grade ore, and mine rock);</li> <li>- aggregate extraction;</li> <li>- tailings management area;</li> <li>- onsite access roads and pipelines, power infrastructure and fuel storage facilities;</li> <li>- domestic and industrial waste handling;</li> <li>- water management facilities, drainage works and watercourse diversions;</li> <li>- re-alignment of existing Highway 600; and</li> <li>- offsite transmission line</li> </ul>	S4.1	Complete
8.	A range of alternatives for each component will be assessed as part of the EA process	S6, AppO, AppP	Complete
9.	Excess TMA and mine water which cannot be used in recycling will be discharged to the Pinewood River - such discharge will meet all applicable Federal and Provincial effluent discharge requirements, and will be protective of receiving water aquatic life within the Pinewood River	S4.12.6, AppW-1	Complete
	<b>4.2 Key Project Phases</b>		
10.	Construction activities will be sequenced according to manpower, equipment availability and site conditions. Sequencing will also consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning and bird nesting seasons	S4.18	Complete
11.	Solid and liquid wastes / effluent will be managed to ensure regulatory compliance	S4.14, S4.18	Complete
12.	Closure objective: reclaim the mine site area to a naturalized and productive condition on completion of mining	S4.19	Complete
13.	The open pit will be flooded to create a pit lake either passively through natural groundwater and precipitation inputs; or by active filling using water pumped from an alternate source (seasonal freshwater inputs or recycled water from the TMA)	S4.19.1	Complete
14.	Progressive rehabilitation of mine rock and overburden stockpiles will be undertaken where practical once the maximum height of each stockpile has been reached and/or as each lift is completed	S4.19.2, AppE	Complete
15.	Investigations will also be undertaken to determine the feasibility of establishing specific wildlife habitats, such as those that might be used by SAR, following mine closure	S4.19.2	Complete
16.	TMA development plan currently provides for a water and/or clay cover at closure to restrict oxygen contact with the tailings surface	S4.19.3	Complete

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17.	The new alignments for the West Creek will naturalize over the life of the mine and will become the permanent creek channel, even after closure unless it is determined during closure planning that returning West Creek to its original route is preferred	S4.19.8	Complete
	<b>4.3 Undertaking Rationale</b>		
18.	The final description of the proposed undertaking and the rationale therein, will be provided in the EA	S1.2, S4 S6.1.1	Complete
	<b>5.0 DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE FOR ALTERNATIVES</b>		
	<b>5.1 Background</b>		
19.	Alternatives will only be brought forward into the EA if they are likely to satisfy the MOE Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario (2009)	S6.1.2	Complete
	<b>5.2 Assessment and Alternatives Evaluation Methodology</b>		
20.	The assessment of alternatives within the EA will also consider potential positive effects	S6.1.2,	Complete
21.	RRR acknowledges that there are Provincial Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (ie. built heritage) that could apply	S6.2.2	Complete
	<b>5.3 Alternative Methods for Carrying Out the Undertaking</b>		
22.	RRR proposes to utilize the MNR Environmental Screening Criteria to assess Project alternatives in the EA report	S6.1.2	Complete
23.	A comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal MMER and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011).	S6.5.1, S6.8.1, AppP	Complete
24.	The positioning of the explosives facilities is prescribed by the Quantity Distance Principles User's Manual (Natural Resources Canada 1995) and is dependent in part on the location of other site facilities. Alternative locations will be described and assessed in the EA	S6.9.2	Complete
25.	Other alternatives may arise through on-going engineering or consultation / engagement and will also be considered in the EA	S6	Complete
	<b>6.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT</b>		
	<b>6.1 Overview and Study Areas</b>		
26.	Details, including copies of the baseline reports referenced herein, will be provided in the EA	S5, AppF through AppN	Complete
27.	Studies have been completed using standard field protocol and scientific methodology and have considered the information needs of regulatory agencies for approval of previous Ontario mining projects	S5.2	Complete

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	<b>6.5 Hydrology and Hydrogeology</b>		
28.	At the time of submission of the Proposed ToR, the hydrogeological baseline study was in progress. The MOE requested that the document be revised to include a commitment to provide the following information in the baseline study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conceptual hydrogeological model...</li> <li>- hydrogeological maps and cross-sections...</li> <li>- groundwater quality analytical results...</li> <li>- identify the need for additional monitoring and assessment to address potential facility development impacts that had not been defined at the time of the baseline study</li> </ul>	AppH, AppS, S13.6	Complete
	<b>7.0 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>		
	<b>7.1 Effects Analysis and Overview</b>		
29.	Residual environmental effects (after mitigation) will be assessed within the EA and will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- environmental effects of the undertaking and its alternatives on the environment, including potential effects from accidents and malfunctions</li> <li>- potential cumulative environmental effects resulting from the effects of the RRRP with other past and future (as currently understood) undertakings</li> </ul>	S6._.2, S7._.4 or S.7.3._.4, S9.2, S9.3, S9.4, S10.4, S11.2, AppO through AppU	Complete
	<b>7.2 Effects Analysis Methodology</b>		
30.	The cumulative effects analysis presented in the EA will be restricted to the analysis of cumulative effects on the existing environmental baseline related to identified projects and activities that "will be carried out"; and to those projects of significance within the broader regional context, which may overlap the undertaking in regards to type of effect, time and space. Input will be sought from Aboriginal communities into the cumulative effects analyses	S10.4	Complete
	<b>8.0 COMMITMENTS AND MONITORING</b>		
31.	The EA will include a comprehensive record of commitments made by RRR during the ToR process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA	AppC-3	Complete
32.	The EA will also include a comprehensive record of commitments made by RRR during the preparation of the EA	S14 T14-1	Complete
33.	A monitoring framework will be developed with consideration of comments raised by stakeholders and Aboriginal communities for the post-EA phase	S13.1	Complete
34.	Where appropriate, the monitoring framework will include compliance monitoring and effects monitoring, as well as any follow-up programs developed through the Federal process	S13.1, F13-1 to 13-3	Complete



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	<b>9.0 CONSULTATION PLAN FOR THE EA</b>		
	<b>9.3 Overview of Proposed EA Consultation Activities</b>		
35.	RRR will continue to inform and involve the stakeholders and Aboriginal groups in a variety of ways	S3.7, AppD	Complete
	<b>APPENDICES E AND F: RRGP EA CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLANS – STAKEHOLDERS AND ABORIGINAL GROUPS</b>		
	<b>1.0 INTRODUCTION</b>		
	<b>1.1 Provincial EA and Consultation Plan Requirements</b>		
36.	The RRR approach to consultation on the EA required as part of the Provincial EA process will follow the guidelines outlined in the MOE Code of Practice: Consultation in Ontario's EA Process (MOE 2009) and Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for EAs in Ontario (MOE 2009)	S3, AppC-1, AppD	Complete
	<b>2.0 CONSULTATION APPROACH AND TOOLS</b>		
	<b>2.2 Stakeholder and Issues Tracking</b>		
37.	RRR is maintaining a record of its consultation activities for the RRGP	AppD	Complete
38.	Correspondence regarding the RRGP obtained by the MOE and other government agencies will not necessarily be included	AppD-1 to AppD-3	Complete
	<b>2.3 Issue Resolution</b>		
39.	Comments from stakeholders, Aboriginal groups or individuals (written or verbal) as well as responses from RRR will be documented, and where applicable will be considered in the EA and environmental approval processes	AppD-1 to AppD-3	Complete
	<b>2.4 Participant Support</b>		
40.	RRR will assist in providing information to the Aboriginal groups involved about Federal (if applicable) or Provincial participant funding programs	S3.4.3, AppD-1	Complete (ROC476, 486, 522)
41.	RRR will be supporting community involvement in the preparation of Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Land Use (TK / TLU) studies, build capacity in Aboriginal communities, and potentially expand documented traditional knowledge / land use information	S7.17.1, S7.17.2	Complete
	<b>2.5 CEP/ACEP Evaluation</b>		
42.	RRR will evaluate consultation activities and the consultation process to ensure successful implementation	S3	Complete
	<b>3.0 ABORIGINAL GROUP PARTICIPANTS</b>		
	<b>3.2 Aboriginal Groups Involved in the RRGP</b>		
43.	Consultation or notification will occur with individual communities. RRR will continue to involve and inform these organizations as had been agreed to by RRR and the Tribal organizations prior to direction provided by the Crown	S3.7, AppD-1, AppD-11	Complete
	<b>3.3 Aboriginal Treaty Rights Related to RRGP</b>		
44.	RRR has requested information from First Nations and Métis on potential impacts, as well as current collection and consumption information on country foods and products from hunting, fishing and trapping. To date, community and band discussions have revealed little traditional use of the area	S7.17.1, S7.17.2	Complete
45.	RRR has requested information on any cultural concerns within the area including ceremonial and or spiritual uses of the area and information about any archaeological or historic structures that may be affected.	S7.17.1, S7.17.2	Complete

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	<b>4.0 STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPANTS (APPENDIX E ONLY)</b>		
46.	RRR will request at public meetings and through their website if there are other individuals or stakeholder groups that should be involved or aware of the RRGp, and consequently engaged if identified	AppD	Complete
	<b>5.0 CONSULTATION MILESTONES IN THE EA PROCESS</b>		
	<b>5.2 Consultation on the EA</b>		
47.	RRR propose to submit a draft EA for comment to stakeholders (including government agencies and the public) and Aboriginal groups	S1.7	Complete
48.	Consultation objectives for Stakeholders and Aboriginal Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- review the EA findings with identified stakeholders and Aboriginal groups to show how issues and concerns were addressed</li> <li>- document and respond to any issues or concerns</li> <li>- identify and solicit from stakeholders appropriate strategies to manage, avoid or eliminate environmental effects</li> <li>- meet all regulatory requirements for public and stakeholder consultation</li> </ul>	S3, AppD	Complete
49.	Objectives Specific to Aboriginal Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensure Aboriginal groups have had an adequate opportunity to understand the project and identify potential impacts to Aboriginal or Treaty rights and interests</li> <li>- demonstrate how the project (or components of the project) have been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts</li> <li>- provide an explanation of why the project or components of the project cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts</li> <li>- provide an explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided</li> </ul>	S1.7, S11.4, T11-1, S12.1, AppD	Complete
50.	- post a Notice of Commencement of the EA in local newspapers, on the RRR website and distribute to the RRGp mailing list	AppD-4, D-9	Complete
51.	- post Notice of a Public Information Event(s) in local newspapers, on the RRR website and distribute to the project mailing list - distribute notices of community information events in Aboriginal communities (using methods preferred by the specific community)	AppD-4, D-9	Complete
52.	- hold regular meetings with the Crown (CEA Agency, MOE and MNDM) to discuss the adequacy of and coordinate participation in consultation activities - participate in on-going discussions with Aboriginal, government and other stakeholder organizations (as requested) to assist in the preparation of and the EA including meetings with established Traditional Knowledge or Environmental Advisory Committees. Records of these discussions (meeting notes) will be reviewed, and if applicable, will be carbon copied to CEA Agency, MOE and MNDM	AppD-1, AppD-2, AppD-3, AppD-11	Complete
53.	- prepare and widely distribute a RRR Community Newsletter to highlight information about the EA findings	AppD-9	Complete
54.	- distribute copies of a draft and final EA including summaries of baseline studies for 30-day reviews	S3.4	Complete

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55.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- host public information events or open houses in the Township of Chapple or Towns of Emo, Fort Frances or Rainy River</li> <li>- offer to host a Public Information Event or open houses in each of the Aboriginal communities that RRR is to consult</li> <li>- update the RRR website to include information about the EA findings and provide a link for direct feedback</li> </ul>	S3	Complete
56.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RRR will advertise in local newspapers and post / distribute the following notices (in appropriate locations as outlined above):</li> <li>- Notice of Commencement of EA</li> </ul>	S3, AppD-4	Complete
57.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notices of Public Information Events / Open House</li> <li>- Notice of Submission of EA</li> </ul>	AppD-3, AppD-4	Complete
58.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notice of Completion of EA Review</li> <li>- Notice of Minister's Decision</li> </ul>	NA	Complete; to be provided on completion of EA process
59.	As a minimum, advertisements and posting are proposed for the same locations as used for the draft and proposed ToR, unless it is determined that the locations are not appropriate. There may additional notifications from the government agencies.	AppD	Complete