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| The EA will be completed in accordance with Section 6(2)(c) of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act; considering the whole Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP). | 2.1 | Complete Section 4 | Complete Section 1.6.2 |
| A reasonable range of alternative methods will be evaluated and assessed in the environmental assessment (EA) to define the final undertaking, if they are likely to satisfy requirements set out in the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> and criteria specific to the RRGP. | 2.1, 5.1, 5.5 | Complete Section 6 | Complete Section 6, AppO, AppP |
| The EA report will conform to the approved Proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial EA and Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Federal EA (as per the Canadian <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> , 2012). Concordance tables will be provided. | 2.1, 2.2, 10.0, 11.3 | Complete AppB-2, AppC-2 | Complete AppB-2, AppC-2 |
| Submission of a draft EA Report for Aboriginal group review and subsequently stakeholder review will be undertaken. | 2.2 | Complete Section 3.2.2 | Complete Sections 1.7, 3.4.3 |
| Reclamation of the RRGP will be completed on cessation of operations (and progressively during operation as practical) to a naturalized and productive condition as per the Ontario <i>Mining Act</i> requirements and its associated Regulations and Codes. | 4.1, 4.2.3, 5.3.14 | Commitment confirmed Section 4.1.9, AppE | Commitment confirmed; Section 4.1.9, AppE |
| Discharge will meet all applicable Federal and Provincial effluent discharge requirements, and will be protective of receiving water aquatic life. | 4.1 | Commitment confirmed in draft EA Report Section 4.12.1, 4.14, 4.5.1.1, 7.5.1.1, 7.6.1.2, 7.21.3, 9.4.1.2 | Commitment confirmed; Sections 4.12.1, 4.12.5, 4.12.6, 7.6.1.2, 7.21.1.1, 9.2.4.2, AppW-1 |
| Scheduling of construction activities will consider available manpower, equipment, site conditions and environmental aspects (such as spawning and bird nesting seasons). | 4.2.1 | Commitment confirmed in draft EA Report Section 4.16, 4.18, 7.11.3, 7.12.3, 7.15.3.3, 7.16.3 | Commitment confirmed; Sections 4.18, 7.12.3, 7.13.3, 7.14.3, 7.15.2.3, 7.15.3.3, 7.16.3 |
| Following mine closure, investigations will also be undertaken to determine the feasibility of establishing specific wildlife habitats, such as those that might be used by Species at Risk. | 4.2.3 | Commitment confirmed in draft EA Report Section 7.8.3 | Commitment confirmed; Section 4.19.2, 7.15.2.3, 7.15.3.3, 7.16.3 |
| There will be no polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) containing equipment at the site. | 4.2.3 | Commitment confirmed in draft EA Report Section 4.9 | Commitment confirmed; Section 4.9 |

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| The EA will consider an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking and the alternatives methods of the undertaking, as required by the Provincial <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> . | 5.2.3 | Complete Section 6, AppO | Complete Section 6, AppO |
| The do nothing alternative (i.e. the RRGP would not go forward) will be included in the EA process to allow comparison against the impacts of the whole undertaking. The alternative of proceeding with the RRGP on a delayed schedule will also be considered. | 5.3 | Complete Section 6.1 | Complete Section 6.1 |
| As part of the EA, Rainy River Resources (RRR) expects to conduct a detailed alternatives assessment process for the mine rock and tailings) storage as required by the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER) for overprinting of waters frequented by fish in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011). | 5.3.2, 5.3.7 | Commitment confirmed in draft EA Report Sections 6.5 and 6.8; AppT - to be provided in final EA Report | Complete AppP |
| Alternatives for the positioning of the explosives facilities is prescribed by the <i>Quantity Distance Principles User's Manual</i> (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. | 5.3.9 | Complete Section 6.9.2 | Complete Section 6.9.2 |
| Copies and details of all baseline reports will be provided in the EA, considering the information needs of regulatory agencies for approval. | 6.1 | Complete AppF through AppN | Complete AppF through AppN |
| Additional hydrogeology baseline study information requested by the Ministry of the Environment will be provided in the EA, and includes: - Conceptual hydrological model - Hydrogeological maps and cross-sections - Groundwater quality analytical results | 6.5.2 | Complete AppH and AppS | Complete AppH and AppS |
| Baseline surface, sediment and groundwater quality results will be compared to the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, and the Provincial Sediment Quality Guidelines as a reference, recognizing that these criteria may or are not directly applicable. | 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.3 | Complete Sections 5.6.3, 5.7.5 and 5.8; Appendices Appl-2, Appl-3 and AppN | Complete Sections 5.6.3, 5.7.5, 5.8; Table 5-22 Appl-2 to 1-5, AppN |
| Residual environmental effects (after mitigation) will be assessed in the EA, considering: - Environmental effects of the undertaking, including potential effects from accidents and malfunctions - Potential cumulative environmental effects resulting from the effects of the RRGP with other past and future (as currently understood) undertakings | 7.1 | Complete Sections 9, 10 and 11 | Complete Sections 10 and 11 |

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| 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... Input will be sought from Aboriginal communities into this analysis. | 7.2.3 | Complete Section 10 | Complete Section 10 |
| The EA will include record of commitments made by RRR during the Terms of Reference (ToR) process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA. | 8.0 | Complete AppC-3 | Complete AppC-3 |
| The EA will include a comprehensive record of commitments made by RRR during the preparation of the EA. | 8.0 | Complete Table 14-1 | Complete Tables 14-1 and 14-2 |
| As part of the EA, a monitoring framework will be developed. | 8.0 | Complete Section 13 | Complete Section 13 |
| RRR will continue to inform and involve the stakeholders and Aboriginal groups in a variety of ways. RRR and the Federal and Provincial government agencies will attempt to align future consultation activities as possible. | 9.3 | Complete Sections 3; 3.5 | Complete Sections 1.6.3, 3.7 |
| Other Municipal, Provincial and Federal approvals and permits are anticipated for the RRGP, and these have been or will be identified as the EA process progresses. | 11.0 | Complete Section 15 | Complete Section 15 |