

**TABLE 4-1
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PROJECT ALTERNATIVE**

Performance Objective	Alternatives		
	Proceed with the Project in the Near-term as Planned	Delay the Project until Circumstances are more Favourable	Abandon the Project
Cost-effectiveness	Provides a competitive return on investment. <i>Rating - Preferred</i>	Provides an acceptable return on investment. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Does not meet Project goal of a competitive return on investment <i>Rating - Unacceptable</i>
Minimize Impacts to the Natural Environment	Impacts to the natural environment are minimized through mitigation. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Impacts to the natural environment are minimized through mitigation. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Minimizes impacts to the natural environment without mitigation at closure. <i>Rating – Preferred</i>
Minimize Impacts to the Socio-economic Environment	Minimal adverse impact on the socio-economic environment without mitigation; provides positive opportunities. <i>Rating – Preferred</i>	Minimal adverse impact on the socio-economic environment without mitigation; provides delayed positive opportunities. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Minimal adverse impact on the socio-economic environment without mitigation; but positive opportunities are restricted to those received to date. <i>Rating – Acceptable</i>
Amenability to Reclamation	Will result in land disturbance requiring mitigation at closure. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Will result in land disturbance requiring mitigation at closure. <i>Rating - Acceptable</i>	Will result in limited land disturbance requiring mitigation. <i>Rating – Preferred</i>
SUMMARY EVALUATION	<i>RATING - PREFERRED</i>	<i>RATING - ACCEPTABLE</i>	<i>RATING – UNACCEPTABLE</i>