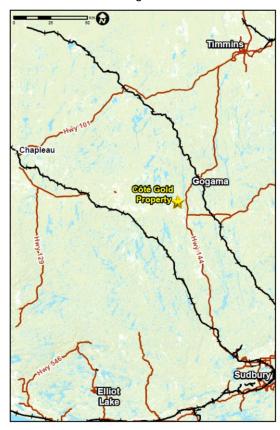


## Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment

# **Côté Gold Project**

**IAMGOLD Corporation** (IAMGOLD) has initiated an Environmental Assessment under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the **Côté Gold Project**.

The **Côté Gold Project** is a majority owned Project held by a subsidiary of IAMGOLD, and consists of a proposed open pit gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure. The Project is located in northeastern Ontario, approximately 20 kilometers southwest of Gogama.



### The Process

On January 14, 2014, the Minister of the Environment approved the Terms of Reference for the **Côté Gold Project**. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available at:

http://iamgold.com/English/Operations/Development-Projects/Cote-Lake-Ontario/Documents/default.aspx

The approved Terms of Reference is also available for review during business hours at the following IAMGOLD offices:

#### Gogama

IAMGOLD Corporation 3 Mesomikenda Lake Road P.O. Box 100 Gogama, ON P0M 1W0 T: 705-269-0010

#### Toronto

IAMGOLD Corporation 401 Bay Street, Suite 3200 P.O. Box 153 Toronto, ON M5H 2Y4 T: 416-360-4710 The study will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be submitted to the ministry for review. At that time, the public, Aboriginal groups and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed and where comments can be sent. IAMGOLD will also conduct community open houses to provide an overview of the draft environmental assessment and to receive feedback from interested persons.

This Provincial Environmental Assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes required for approval of the Côté Gold Project. A Federal environmental assessment is also required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. The scope of the Federal Environmental Assessment is guided by the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines issued to IAMGOLD on July 9, 2013 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

#### Consultation

IAMGOLD is working with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to develop a coordinated environmental assessment process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible, to reduce duplication of effort.

Members of the public, agencies, Aboriginal communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of this undertaking by attending consultation events, or contacting IAMGOLD directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation has, and will continue to occur throughout the EA process. All upcoming consultation events will be advertised in local papers and published at:

http://www.iamgold.com/English/Operations/Development-Projects/Cote-Lake-Ontario/Community-Engagement/default.aspx.

If you would like to be added to our Project mailing list or have Project-related questions, please contact:

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