

July 21, 2020

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch
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Toronto ON M4V 1P5

Attention: Kathleen O'Neill, Director, Environmental Assessment

By E-mail: kathleen.oneill@ontario.ca

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

**Re: Côté Gold Project, Environmental Assessment Condition 21(1), Notice of Construction
EAB File Number: EA-05-09-02
EAIMS File Number: 13022**

IAMGOLD Corporation (IAMGOLD) proposes to construct an open pit gold mine and processing facility located in Chester and Neville Townships, District of Sudbury, in northeastern Ontario, referred to as the Côté Gold Project. IAMGOLD intends to proceed with construction of the Côté Gold Project in 30 days of the date of this letter, pending receipt of applicable environmental approvals.

Please consider this letter as a Notice of Intention to Proceed with Construction of the Undertaking, in fulfillment of Condition 21 of the Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval, amended on June 22, 2020 to reduce from 60 days to 30 days (attached):

21. Notice of Construction

- 1. 30 days prior to the start of Construction, or at such other time as may be stipulated in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall provide notification to the Director of the Proponent's intention to proceed with Construction of the Undertaking. If, since the date of the Notice of Approval shown below, significant changes have occurred to applicable regulatory regimes or to the existing environment around the Site and those changes could affect the Undertaking or result in any new potential adverse environmental effects from it, the Proponent shall include a description of those changes in its notice of Construction. The Proponent shall provide the notice of Construction to: the Director; the Regional Director of*

the Ministry; Northeast Regional Director of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; the Timmins Office Regional Supervisor of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; and any other relevant agencies that the Proponent or the Director determine may have an interest in any changes described in the notice of Construction.

IAMGOLD has made optimizations to the Côté Gold Project since the Notice of Completion. These changes were documented in the Environmental Effects Review (EER), and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on September 11, 2018 in accordance with Condition 26.1 (Amendment Procedures). The MECP confirmed on November 9, 2018 that the proposed changes to the undertaking result in no new net effects. No significant changes to the existing environment are currently known, or regulatory changes have occurred to our knowledge that could affect the implementation of the Undertaking as described in the Amended Environmental Impact Statement / Final Environmental Assessment Report submitted in February 2015, and the EER submitted in September 2018.

Two copies of this letter have been provided to the Director of the MECP, per Condition 3(1), along with additional copies to the MECP, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, per the cc list below.

Sincerely,



Stephen Crozier
Vice President, Corporate Affairs

- cc. Frank Miklas, Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Clara Lauziere, Regional Manager (A), Timmins Office, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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David Brown, Environmental Manager, Côté Gold project, IAMGOLD
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