



Let's Talk:

The Côté Gold Project Community Newsletter

IAMGOLD is proposing to construct, operate and eventually close the Côté Gold Project (the Project) – a new open pit gold mine near Gogama in northeastern Ontario. We are currently conducting engineering studies to further confirm and determine the technical and economic aspects of the Project and are pursuing environmental approvals from both the Provincial and Federal governments.

Côté Gold Project Update – Review of the Amended Environmental Impact Statement / Final Environmental Assessment Report



Since our last newsletter (March 2015), IAMGOLD has continued to respond to comments received on the Amended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Final Environmental Assessment (EA) Report. At this point in the EA process, IAMGOLD is working with relevant stakeholders to address outstanding concerns that potentially affected communities or regulatory bodies have about the Project. We anticipate that this phase of the EA will conclude in the near term.

Côté Gold Project Location

Cote Gold Project Update – a new phase in the development process

For the past three years, IAMGOLD has continued to advance the Côté Gold Project to become an operating mine. As part of these efforts, we are continuing to conduct the economic study as well as permitting activities for the Environmental Assessment (EA). In light of the current nature of the work at site, and after much deliberation, IAMGOLD has taken the difficult decision to reduce staff at Côté Gold from 33 permanent employees to two, effective August 20, 2015. The regional exploration team will remain staffed to support the economic study, and we will continue to have an environmental specialist on-site to ensure that all work needed for the EA and future regulatory requirements is maintained. Our Aboriginal and Community Relations Officer, Cheryl Naveau, will also continue to work with the Project as a consultant and community advisor.

IAMGOLD has spoken with various community representatives about this decision to ensure that they fully understand our continuing commitment to advancing the Project, and that the staff reductions reflect the nature of the current and future work that needs to be undertaken on site. This new phase in the development process represents a wind-down in site-based activities, with a continued emphasis on completing work needed to further the EA and the economic study. IAMGOLD is grateful to the wonderful staff we have had at Côté for their hard work, dedication and value they have brought to the Project.



Youth Summer Experience Program (2015)

For the second year in a row, IAMGOLD employed two summer students from local communities to join our team. The Youth Summer Experience Program provides local students with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of IAMGOLD's organizational

culture, ethics and employer expectations. The program is important to IAMGOLD as it provides a platform for students to learn about the mining industry and mining focused educational paths, and to assist them in developing critical workplace skills including: time management, planning and project implementation, interpersonal and communication skills.

The students are given a number of important responsibilities and work hard both on-site and in Gogama providing maintenance services around the community. In addition, they are exposed to a number of different roles on site, learnt in many cases through job-shadowing with various departments on site. The Project site has thoroughly enjoyed working with the students again, and continue to be impressed by their initiative, work ethic and enthusiasm for the program .

Community Engagement MNO Site Tour

On June 30, 2015, IAMGOLD had the pleasure of hosting the Métis Nation of Ontario's – Region 3 Consultation Committee for a Site Tour. Site tours provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to receive a hands-on understanding of the Project and the proposed location of various Project components. In addition, the tour group was provided with an overview of ongoing exploration activities in the region and the nature of the geology in and around the Project.

For IAMGOLD, this is also a valuable opportunity to better understand local Aboriginal communities use of the land in near the Project and their unique perspectives on the environmental management.



Aside from some rain, the day was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Once IAMGOLD has completed the process of responding to comments received on the Amended EIS / Final EA, IAMGOLD anticipates the release of the Draft EA Report from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and provincially the release of the Minister's Review on the Environmental Registry.



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