

Let's Talk:

The Côte Gold Project Community Newsletter

Construction Deferral Decision

On January 28, 2019, IAMGOLD announced that the company was deferring the construction decision on the Côte Gold Project due to current market conditions. Although IAMGOLD has made the decision to wait for improved and sustainable market conditions in order to proceed with construction we continue to advance engineering and permitting work for the Project as well as community engagement efforts.

Project Permitting Update

Before a mine can be constructed and operated, several permits are required. IAMGOLD started the permitting process in the Fall of 2018 and is continuing to develop various permit applications and submitting them to regulatory authorities.

The following permits have been submitted to date:

- Aggregate Permits – Category 9 and 12 (January)
- Permit to Take Water – Construction Dewatering (February)
- Permit to Take Water – Clam Lake and Mollie River Realignment (July)
- Permit to Take Water – Domestic Water Wells (August)
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Tailings Management Facility Starter Dams (March)
- Environmental Compliance Approval – Air and Noise (March)
- Environmental Compliance Approval – Water Management during Construction (May)
- Forestry Resource License for Phase 2 Clearing (September)
- Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations – Schedule 2 Amendment (Process underway)

The following permits have received regulatory approval:

- Forestry Resource License for Phase 1 Clearing
- Closure Plan
- Transmission Line Environmental Study Report and Leave to Construct
- Environmental Effects Review (Federal decision statement updated)

Future permit application submissions / authorizations required:

- *Fisheries Act* Authorization / Fish Habitat Offsetting
- Permit to Take Water – Open Pit Dewatering
- Environmental Compliance Approvals – Industrial Sewage Works, and Domestic Sewage Treatment
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Access / Haul Road Crossing, Mollie River Realignment and Fish Habitat Offsets

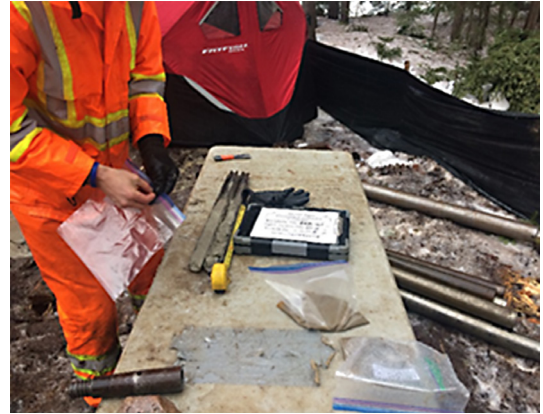


The Côte Gold Project (the Project) is a proposed open pit gold mine that is located approximately 20 km southwest of Gogama and 130 km southwest of Timmins. The Project is a joint venture between IAMGOLD and Sumitomo Metal Mining Co.

Activity at the Project Site

A drilling program for geotechnical and hydrogeological field studies has been ongoing at site. These studies will support the detailed design of the Tailings Management Facility.

Activities planned for the remainder of 2019 include continued regional exploration activities, upgrades to the exploration camp at Mesomikenda, surface and groundwater monitoring and site security monitoring.



*Drilling Program for geotechnical investigation
– split spoon sampling*

Community Engagement

IAMGOLD, along with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), held an open house in Gogama on August 27, 2019. The purpose of the open house was to consult on the proposed authorization for mine waste disposal under the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations (MDMER) for the Project. These regulations are part of the *Fisheries Act* and are designed to protect fish and their habitat from the release of deleterious materials from mine waste. At the open house, Fisheries and Oceans Canada presented on the authorization processes related to the *Fisheries Act*. IAMGOLD also provided a Project update with a focus on the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Storage and the Habitat Compensation and Offsetting Plan which details how IAMGOLD will compensate for loss of fish habitat.

Summary documents describing the Offsetting Plan and Assessment of Alternatives can be found within the MDMER section of www.iamgold.com/cotegold-documents

The Government of Canada is welcoming comments and concerns until November 1, 2019. For more information about the Federal consultation opportunity, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-pollution/sources-industry/mining/amendments-metal-diamond-mining-effluent-regulations/cote-consultations.html>

IAMGOLD is committed to ongoing engagement with local communities and Indigenous groups (First Nations and Métis) throughout the life of the Project and strives to ensure that anyone interested in the Project can learn about it. Some of the ways IAMGOLD is doing this is by attending community events, hosting site visits, open houses and review sessions on various aspects of the Project. By establishing positive working relationships, we are able to share information and gather valuable feedback from community members and Indigenous leaders.



IAMGOLD takes part in a career fair in Mattagami First Nation



Access to the Côté Gold Project Site

Entry to and exit from the Côté Gold Project site must occur through designated access points. This is essential for visitor safety as current on-site activities include the use of heavy equipment. Project site access for individuals completing work for the Wood EPCM team will be coordinated through the Wood Site Manager. All other visitors shall contact the IAMGOLD Manager of Environment and Community Relations to make arrangements. The Security office is currently located at the Project Exploration site and everyone accessing the site will need to sign in at this office. The Project site can be accessed via Mesomikenda Lake Road off Highway 144 (approximately 2 km from the turn-off).

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Côté Gold Website Updates

To ensure easier navigability to important Project-related information, we have recently updated the Project's website: www.iamgold.com/cotegold. Visit our website to review in process and approved permitting applications, federal and provincial environmental assessments and to learn more about past and present community events. All previous newsletters are also readily available in the Community Engagement tab of the website.

4M Canoe Route

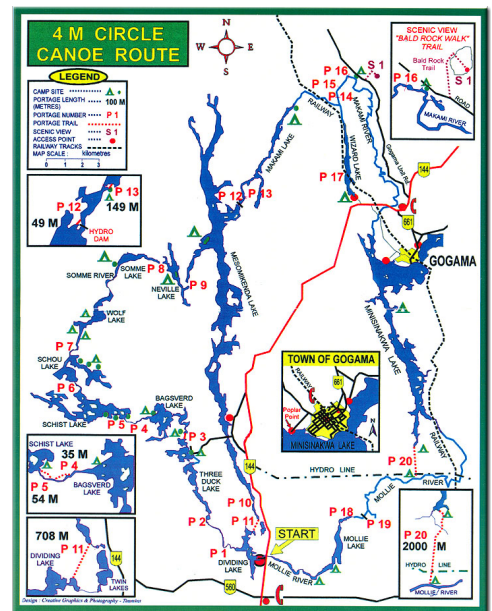
The 4M Canoe Route crosses through the Côté Gold Project property. IAMGOLD requests that users of the 4M Canoe Route reach out to the Project's Community Relations team prior to embarking on the route to ensure safe passage through the property during Project construction, operations and closure. Please note that the camp site at Portage 3 will no longer be available for use. Please contact us at cotegold@iamgold.com or call 705-923-3369 as part of your trip planning!

Future Opportunities

Once improved and sustainable market conditions support Construction and Operations, the Project is expected to create over 1,000 Construction jobs and about 300-400 full time jobs during Operations. It will rely heavily on Northern communities for skilled jobs and expertise and we look forward to working closely with Indigenous and local communities to ensure that this is truly a Northern Ontario project.

Once Construction begins, hiring will be done through our contractors. Côté Gold will begin hiring for Operations about six months prior to Operations start-up. Minimum age for employment is 18 years.

If you are interested in providing services or supplies to the Project during Construction and Operations, please reach out to us and share information about your business's services.



Source: Gogama.ca/canoe

IAMGOLD's Commitment to Sustainability

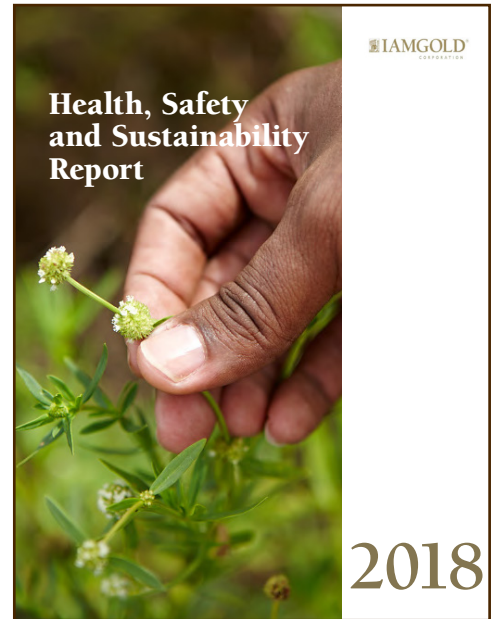
IAMGOLD has published the 2018 Health, Safety and Sustainability ("HSS") Reports. Both reports are available on our HSS website, located at <http://hss.iamgold.com/>, in both English and French.

IAMGOLD'S 2018 UN Sustainable Development Goals Report outlines many of the key initiatives we have undertaken to ensure our company leaves behind a positive and sustainable legacy in host communities. For data on IAMGOLD's 2018 Health, Safety and Sustainability performance, please view our [Global Reporting Initiative Report](#). To augment 2018 HSS disclosures, IAMGOLD also published details on our [tailings management facilities](#) in alignment with the Church of England disclosure request.

As IAMGOLD remains committed to Zero Harm, advancement of the Mining Association of Canada's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) initiative at our sites remains a priority, along with active support for the Government of Canada's enhanced Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. Respecting the natural environment, building strong community partnerships and putting the health and safety of our employees first, Zero Harm remains both a goal and a journey. From IAMGOLD's perspective, strong environmental, social and governance practices have always been part of the way we do business. We have worked hard to ensure we rethink the traditional mining model while staying profitable and sustainable in a world that faces new environmental and operational realities. This is illustrated by IAMGOLD's inclusion in the 2019 Corporate Knights Top 40 Sustainable Companies ranking as well as the company's addition to the 2019 Bloomberg Gender Equality Index for organizational commitment to equality and advancing women in the workplace.

Report highlights include:

- Signed an Impact & Benefit Agreement with respect to the development and operation of the Côte Gold Joint Venture Project with Mattagami First Nation and Flying Post First Nation.
- Renewed our financial commitment with Laurentian University in Ontario, contributing \$2 million over five years towards the construction of a "collaboration space" for engineering students, lab refurbishments, technology and equipment upgrades, research and scholarship.
- Commissioning the world's largest hybrid solar/thermal plant, considered one of the largest solar facilities operating across all of sub-Saharan Africa.
- Reduced IAMGOLD's CO₂ emissions by 12,000 tonnes in 2018.
- Invested \$1.35 million in Suriname to improve community access to high-quality medical care.



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