

Let's Talk:

The Côté Gold Project Community Newsletter

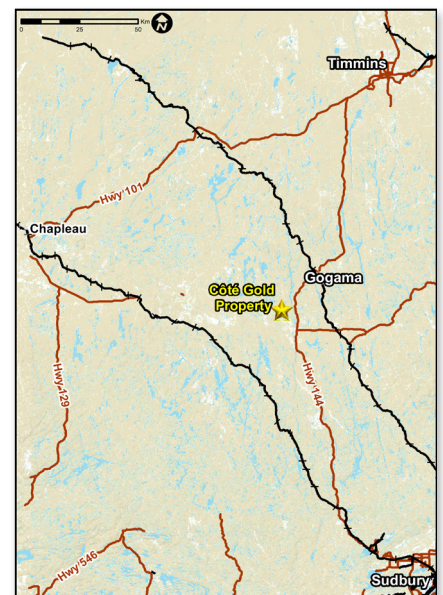
Project Status Update

IAMGOLD deferred a decision on the construction of the Project in January 2019. Our current focus is on advancing engineering and permitting activity, including our community engagement efforts. We continue to evaluate options for advancing the Project to development and will share updates as available.

Côté Project Communications

In accordance with the provincial conditions of approval for the Côté Gold Project, IAMGOLD developed three documents to guide communications with area communities regarding the Project. These documents detail the processes which continue to be implemented by the Project during all phases and will ensure that communications are managed in fulfillment of regulatory requirements and Project commitments for the life of the Project. These plans have been developed in accordance with IAMGOLD's stakeholder engagement best practices, policies and procedures and will be reviewed on an annual basis or as otherwise stated.

1. **Community Communication Plan (CCP)** – applies to community and stakeholder communication management. During the environmental assessment process IAMGOLD developed a preliminary stakeholder list based on proximity to the Project, potential to be affected and past or current interest in the Project or other developments in the region. The CCP outlines how the Project's Community Relations Team distributes information regarding the Project including newsletters, notices, hosting public open houses, maintaining and updating the IAMGOLD website with relevant information and holding informal discussions and meetings with stakeholders and interested persons.
2. **Indigenous Consultation Plan (ICP)** – applies to First Nations and Métis groups identified during the Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment processes and documents consultation requirements in compliance with all relevant Federal and Provincial acts and regulations. The ICP outlines how the Project's Community Relations Team will be responsible for the sharing information and providing notifications about Project activities throughout various communications channels such as Project newsletters, notices, community open houses, the Project website, the Project SharePoint site to share permit applications as per Provincial/Federal requirements and community preferences, information sessions, meetings and other events as identified by IAMGOLD or as requested by Indigenous groups.
3. **Management of Community Grievances** – applies to stakeholders, members of the public, Indigenous groups and individuals and will be followed by the Project's Community Relations Team to ensure appropriate documentation and management of grievances.



The Côté 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.

Community Engagement

Water Ceremony at Côté Lake

On September 28, 2019 representatives from IAMGOLD, Sumitomo and Wood joined members of Mattagami First Nation and Flying Post First Nation members at Côté Lake for a water ceremony and feast in honour of Côté Lake. This event was important in keeping with IAMGOLD's commitments to work with the communities who had communicated the importance of having the Water Ceremony during Impact Benefit Agreement negotiations and during community open houses.



The Water Ceremony is significant to the people of Mattagami and Flying Post and acknowledges the sacrifice being made by the spirit of Côté Lake for the Project to proceed. The ceremony began with an opening address by Chief Boissoneau of Mattagami First Nation. The ceremony organizer, Sue Prince, explained the importance of the day: water is life and women are the carriers of life and therefore are the ones who care for the water. The ceremony was performed by Elder Clara Prince with the assistance of women from Mattagami First Nation.



*Elder Clara Prince, Mattagami First Nation
and Yasushiro Kusaba, President Sumitomo
Metal Mining Co.*

A sacred fire was lit on the shores of Côté Lake and the event began with all in attendance taking part in smudging. Elder Clara performed the ceremony which included prayers to the four directions, songs with women's hand drums, an offering of medicines to the lake and the sharing of water and berries. The ceremony concluded with words from fire keeper and Elder Morris Naveau and a spirit plate was blessed before the feast. Attendees were treated to traditional foods including moose meat, pickerel and wild rice during a post ceremony feast provided by Mattagami First Nation.



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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 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).

Shane Hardwicke - Site Manager,
Wood 1-639-999-6171

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Environment and Community
Relations, IAMGOLD 1-705-923-3369

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
- Permit to Take Water – Plant Site and other Construction Dewatering
- Permit to Take Water – Clam Lake and Mollie River Realignment
- Permit to Take Water – Domestic Water
- Permit to Take Water – Open Pit Dewatering
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Tailings Management Facility Starter Dams
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Haul/Access Road
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Mollie Realignment
- Environmental Compliance Approval – Air and Noise
- Environmental Compliance Approval – Plant Site and other Construction Dewatering
- Forestry Resource License for Phase 2 Clearing
- Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations – Schedule 2 Amendment

The following permits have received regulatory approval:

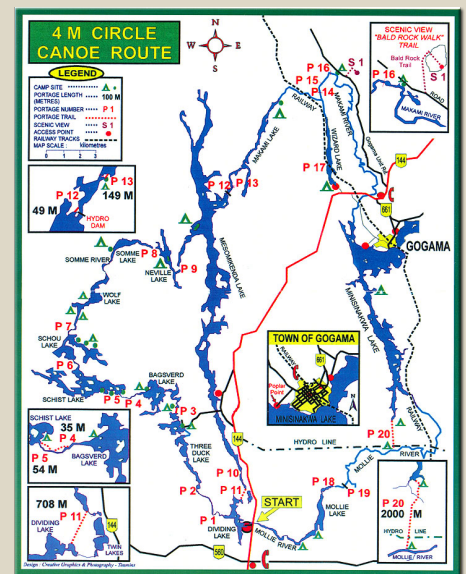
- Forestry Resource License for Phase 1 Clearing
- Closure Plan
- Transmission Line Environmental Study Report and Leave to Construct
- Ontario Energy Board – Decision and Order to Vary
- Environmental Effects Review (Federal decision statement updated)

Future permit application submissions / authorizations required:

- *Fisheries Act* Authorization / Fish Habitat Offsetting (submitted; awaiting approvals)
- Environmental Compliance Approvals – Industrial Sewage Works and Domestic Sewage Treatment
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* – Fish Habitat Offsets
- Transmission Line Alignment

4M Canoe Route

The 4M Canoe Route crosses through the Project property. IAMGOLD requests that users of the 4M Canoe Route reach out to the Project's Community Relations team before 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!



Source: Gogama.ca/canoe

Activity at the Project Site

- Geotechnical and hydrogeological field studies for the detailed design of the Tailings Management Facility.
- Additional archaeology field investigations were completed before the winter season.
- Upgrades to existing onsite weather station.
- Minnow Environmental has been retained to continue ongoing surface and groundwater monitoring that was established in 2011. This monitoring will continue to support baseline conditions to ensure that water is managed in accordance with regulatory and Project requirements for the protection of site personnel and the environment. Baseline information collected will support permit applications.
- Activities planned for the remainder of 2019 include continued regional exploration activities, upgrades to the exploration camp at Mesomikenda and site security monitoring.



Côté Gold Website Updates

To ensure easier navigability to important Project-related information, we recently updated the Project's website: www.iamgold.com/cotegold. Visit our website to review information related to permitting, federal and provincial environmental assessments and to learn more about past and upcoming community events. All issues of the *Let's Talk* newsletter are also available in the Community Engagement tab of the website.

Future Opportunities

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 at cotegold@iamgold.com and share information about your business's services.



For more information please contact us: cotegold@iamgold.com

Join our Project mailing list to be kept informed about the Project and any upcoming events by sending an email to: cotegold@iamgold.com

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