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# **Commemorating the National** Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Honouring the Past and Shaping the Future

September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is dedicated to the memory of residential school survivors and their families and honours the children who never returned home. The process of Reconciliation requires public commemoration of residential school history and its ongoing impacts.

At Côté Gold, deepening our understanding of Indigenous peoples' culture and learning from them is

a top priority. By living out Côté Gold's values of respect and integrity we can all work towards Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. It is with this spirit in mind that we will continue creating and nurturing mutually beneficial relationships and working to support Reconciliation in our daily operations.

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#### PROJECT UPDATES



Remote ground grid work in progress at the Mine Grade Ore Stockpile (MGO). Photo credit: Eric Gosselin, Mine Manager

## Project is approximately 86% complete!

We have seen remarkable construction progress at Côté Gold, which means that the mine was approximately 86% complete at the end of June and that we are on track to pour our first gold bar in early 2024! Project activities have begun the critical transition from bulk construction to finishing activities and operational readiness, and mining operations have started operating 24/7. Once in operations, the mine will employ over 500 permanent employees.

Fostering a culture of technology and continuous improvement. Our goal at Côté Gold is to apply advanced technology to everything we do to increase productivity and keep our people safe. The major technological feats include autonomous system key components, autonomous haulage, advanced process plant technology, and autonomous drilling. The first CAT 6060 next generation shovel is being commissioned and awaiting electrification of the site in order to be deployed for in-pit activities.

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Michelle Boileau, Mayor of the City of Timmins, and Cory Robin City Councillor, visit Côté Gold

# City of Timmins Mayor visits Côté Gold

We welcomed Michelle Boileau, Mayor of the City of Timmins, and Cory Robin, City Councillor, for a site tour earlier this summer.

The Mayor was very impressed by the project's size, scope, and use of autonomous mining equipment, as well as the processing facility.

At Côté Gold, we remain open, engaged, and committed to maximizing the benefits of mining to create a brighter future for our host communities by contributing both to economic and social prosperity. Thanks to Mayor Boileau and Councillor Robin for their visit!

## **Opening of the Côté Gold bus terminal in Timmins**

Earlier in July, Côté Gold officially unveiled its own bus terminal in the City of Timmins. The new facility provides accessible transportation to and from the Côté Gold mine to workers living in nearby communities. It will also help expedite the screening process as workers will undergo security screening at the new bus terminal prior to arriving at site.

The terminal, which includes offices, a conference room, and an ample open space, will serve as an important community hub, helping bring communities together from between Timmins and neighbouring communities.

(L-R) Kraymr Grenke, 1st Vice-President of the Timmins Chamber, Michelle Boileau, Mayor of the City of Timmins, Bryan Wilson, Côté Gold Vice President & General Manager, and Dan Ayotte, President of Timmins Chamber, at the opening of the Côté Gold Bus Terminal





## Mattagami Lake Fisheries monitoring program

At Côté Gold, we are committed to maintaining our culture of accountable mining through high standards of environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. With this in mind, on August 25, members of Mattagami First Nation alongside Côté Gold, Minnow Aquatics Environmental Services and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry participated in the broad-scale monitoring of Mattagami Lake. The study began on August 23 and ran through August 31 to monitor the current and changing state of the fishery and impact of the Mattagami hatchery on the walleye population in the lake. Information gathered from the study will be used to evaluate the status of the fish population and support the development of the Mattagami Lake Fisheries Plan.

 Students of Mary Jane Naveau School at the Mattagami First Nation Fish Hatchery learning about fish identification, with fisheries biologist Preston Lennox from Minnow Environmental. Photo credit: Vanessa Potvin, Community Relations Coordinator

## Commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Honouring the Past and Shaping the Future

Established in 2021, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is dedicated to acknowledging the painful history and lasting impact of the residential school system on Indigenous peoples.

It serves as a catalyst for fostering dialogue, understanding, and empathy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. It is also a day to listen, learn, and support Indigenous voices and perspectives. By doing so, we can collectively work towards healing the wounds of the past and building stronger relationships based on respect, trust, and equality.

At Côté Gold, we are committed to advance Reconciliation through engagement and partnerships with our host communities, preserving their cultures and supporting their development as an integral part of our vision for sustainable mining. By cultivating genuine partnerships and appreciating the rich culture and strong ties to the land of these communities, we can create a space where stronger and healthier communities are supported, and where the respective heritages of Indigenous peoples remain a source of inspiration and pride for future generations.

By actively engaging in the Reconciliation process, we can pave the way for a brighter future. Let us embrace this day as an opportunity to listen, learn, and work together towards a more inclusive and equitable future. For more information about Côté Gold's commitments and engagements, check out the Sustainability section in our website.



#### IAMGOLD among Canada's 2023 Best 50 Corporate Citizens

Once again, IAMGOLD has earned a place among Canada's 2023 Best 50 Corporate Citizens, placing 31st — an improvement of six places over last year.

The Best 50 Corporate Citizens represent the gold standard for corporate sustainability leadership in Canada. It is a well-established ranking managed by Corporate Knights, and it is known for its transparent, quantitative methodology that places equal emphasis on the ESG (environmental, social and governance) performance of a company's operations and the environmental impact of its core products.

Canada's 2023 Best 50 Corporate Citizens recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to responsible mining and strong governance practices as we tackle the new social and environmental challenges of our times.

## Why work at Côté Gold?

Côté Gold offers a unique opportunity to integrate diverse thinking and creative applications of technology aimed at fostering a culture of continuous improvement. To view and apply for permanent positions visit **www.iamgold.com/cotegoldcareers.** 

People interested in working on the construction of the Côté Gold project team are encouraged to apply through Wood and the individual contractors working on the project.

Visit **www.woodplc.com/careers** and enter **Gogama** as the search keyword or visit the websites of our various Project contractors.

**Project contractors include:** Aecon Construction Group Inc.; Allied Universal Security Services; Caron Equipment; DST Consulting Engineers; Flying Post Camp and Logistics; Haztech Energy Corporation; Moreau Industries Electrique; Nuna Logistics Partnerships; Paladin Technologies; Remsi North; SGS Natural Resources; Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd; Tisdale Bus Lines; Tulloch Group; Waggs Petroleum Equipment Ltd.; and Wood.





Côté Gold is an open pit gold mining project in northern Ontario. The Project is a joint venture between IAMGOLD Corporation and Sumitomo Metal Mining.

## **Construction progress**

Our Côté Gold project is making significant progress and is on track to commence initial production by early next year. The project has advanced considerably, and it was 85.7% complete at the end of June. There were more than 1,900 workers on site in early summer, reaching peak camp capacity. Congratulations to the workforce and contractors involved for their impressive achievements!

## **Earthworks activities**

Earthworks activities advanced with a focus on the tailings management facility (TMF). Water accumulation in the TMF has started to have sufficient water for plant startup. Phase 2 of dam raising has begun.

## **Processing plant**

Installation of ball mill liners began in June and ball mill motors are on site, for which preparations for installation commenced. Leach tank construction and installation of agitators is ongoing. Construction sequence has been adjusted to prioritize critical tanks for commissioning.

## Other infrastructure

The high voltage overhead power line has been connected to the electrical grid and energized up to Côté Gold's main substation. Successful live test trips were conducted in collaboration with the transmission utility.

## **Mining activities**

Autonomous hauling continued to ramp up with up to seven trucks operating with a total of 14, now commissioned. Owner mining is progressing with 1.1M tonnes mined in the second quarter of 2023. The stockpile currently contains approximately 2.0M tonnes of ore.

## Health & safety

At Côté Gold, we put people first. Being vigilant and keeping our colleagues, host communities, and families safe is our top priority. To date, Côté Gold achieved a total of 11.5 million hours with a total of recordable incidents frequency rate of 0.68, which is a testament to a workforce that embraces a Zero Harm<sup>®</sup> approach.

#### Côté Gold's Emergency Response Team

The recruitment of the Côté Gold Emergency Response Team is presently underway, aiming to assemble a team of 38 dedicated volunteer personnel overseen by two full-time Emergency Response Specialists. In preparation for their roles, each team member will undergo specialized training encompassing confined space rescue, fire response, high-angle rope rescue, and advanced-level first aid. To further support operations, the team is equipped with two fire trucks, two patient transfer vehicles, and an on-site medical clinic. Dedicated to their mission, the team is available round the clock, 24/7, ready to swiftly respond to any emergencies that may arise on-site.

To learn more about the project or to apply for open positions visit **cotegold.ca** or contact us via **cotegold@iamgold.com**.



