

# Memo

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**Subject: Côté Gold Project - Condition 8.4.4 Reporting – Côté Gold Mine Haul Truck Tire Fire**

In accordance with Condition 8.4.4 of the Decision Statement issued under Section 54 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 for the Côté Gold Mine Project, IAMGOLD Corporation (IAMGOLD) is providing a written report in response to an incident which occurred on January 1, 2026. This memo is intended to satisfy the 90-day reporting requirements.

## **Incident Summary**

On January 1, 2026, regular hauling activities were being completed in the pit with the autonomous 793 CAT haul trucks. An operator within the pit identified smoke coming from haul truck number 407. Shortly after, chunks of rubber began to tear from the tire and a fire was observed. The operator who had observed the fire notified the control room and a site wide stop on haul trucks was initiated. The truck came to a stop within the pit at the bottom of the South Ramp.

Following investigations, it appears as though a rock ejector (a metal bar attached to the bottom of the truck box that hangs between the tires to eject any rocks that may get stuck between the tires) was bent due to a large rock that was stuck between the right rear wheels. The bent rock ejector then rubbed against the tire until it contacted the steel within the tire, which ignited a spark and started the fire. Due to the location of the fire within the rear wheel assembly, the onboard fire suppression system was unable to extinguish the fire. A plume of smoke was observed as the truck burned and hydrocarbon staining on the ground was observed.

## **Changes Made to Avoid a Subsequent Occurrence and Implementation of Additional Measures to Mitigate Residual Adverse Environmental Effects**

In response to the investigation findings, the following corrective actions were implemented:

- All haul trucks were removed from service and underwent a thorough inspection before being returned to operation.
- A general awareness campaign on incident reporting to improve ERT response time through direct employee reporting was launched.
- Increased light plants were installed in select areas to allow for better lighting and visuals on trucks.
- A total of 609.13 Mt of contaminated soil, including sand used to berm off the area during the fire, was excavated over a five-day period. Contaminated soils were removed by the IAMGOLD team and collected by a licensed waste hauler. The material was then transported off-site to an approved disposal facility.

IAMGOLD is working toward implementing additional mitigation measures to prevent future incidents. These measures include adding key mobile equipment to the mining fleet to improve roadway conditions and strengthen firefighting response capabilities. The company is also adopting new technology designed to enhance visibility on haul trucks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for further information.

Regards,

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