



# 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 – Responding to Comments on the Draft EA/EIS

Since our last newsletter (June 2014), IAMGOLD has been working to respond to your comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Report for the Project. This Report evaluates the potential effects the Project could have on the biological, physical and human environment in the local area surrounding the Project. The Draft EA/EIS Report fulfills the Environmental Assessment requirements for the Provincial and Federal governments, respectively.

The Draft EA/EIS Report was open for public comment from June 2, 2014 – July 14, 2014, to satisfy the requirements of the Federal and Provincial government processes, respectively. Printed copies of the Draft EA/EIS Report were made available at several public review locations in Sudbury, Timmins, Gogama, and Toronto. You can still download and view the Draft EA/EIS Report on the Côté Gold Project website: <http://www.iamgold.com/English/Operations/Development-Projects/Cote-Lake-Ontario/Documents/Draft-EAEIS-Report/>

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Côté Gold Project Location

IAMGOLD received approximately 700 comments from stakeholders on the Report. Key comments that were received and that will be addressed in the Final EA / Amended EIS include:

- Mine closure planning
- Potential effects on water resources, water quality and water bodies
- Monitoring programs for aquatics and wildlife
- Traditional and adjacent land users
- Methodology and Effects Assessment
- Business, employment and training opportunities

These comments will be responded to in a couple of different ways. IAMGOLD will provide official responses to all comments received on the Draft EA/EIS. These official responses will be appended to the Final EA/Amended EIS. Additionally, as IAMGOLD continues to consult with local stakeholders and Aboriginal communities, we will discuss any changes or modifications that have been made to the EA or Project design to reflect your comments and concerns.

## Education and Training Spotlight

During the 3rd week of October, 11 bright students from Mattagami First Nation began a 7 week education and training program at Mattagami First Nation Reserve. The training program aims to provide students with a better understanding of the skill sets they already possess, and what credentials and experience they need to secure and retain employment.

The training program delivers a number of job readiness training modules to the students, including Health and Safety modules, a focus on financial literacy and budgeting, and employability skills development – a recipe to help them excel in their future career. IAMGOLD will also host the students for a Lunch and Learn at the Côté Gold Project site, so they can obtain a better understanding of how IAMGOLD prioritizes health and safety in the workplace.

With generous support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, IAMGOLD is proud to partner with Mattagami First Nation and Northern College to deliver this program.



# Consultation and Community Engagement

In the summer of 2014, IAMGOLD held a series of community consultation events to discuss the Draft EA/EIS with interested stakeholders, government agency representatives and Aboriginal communities.

Meetings to discuss the Draft EA/EIS Report were also held with the Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 3 Consultation Committee, and the Mesomikenda Lake Cottagers Association.

IAMGOLD is committed to regular community consultation events, and is keen to hear your feedback on our Project. We will continue to advertise open house invitations in local newspapers and post notices in local community centres and Aboriginal offices. Please look out for future notifications.

If you are unable to attend community open houses and/or meetings, but want to discuss the Project with us, please contact us! Our contact details are listed below. You can also contact us to request to be added to our Project mailing list for invites to future consultation events and to receive key updates on the Project.

IAMGOLD is grateful for, and looks forward to your continued participation!

Open Houses were held in the communities of:

- Timmins
- Sudbury
- Gogama
- Mattagami First Nation
- Flying Post First Nation
- Brunswick House First Nation



Once IAMGOLD has completed the process of responding to comments received on the Draft EA/EIS, we will proceed to make all associated changes to our Report, and will then proceed to submit the Final EA / Amended EIS to the Provincial and Federal Government, respectively.



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