

Côté Gold Project

IAMGOLD Corporation has initiated a study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the development and operation of the Côté Gold Project. The Côté Gold Project is a proposed open pit gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed approximately 20 kilometres southwest of Gogama, Ontario.

The Project is anticipated to be a significant contributor to the local economy and will provide employment opportunities. Consultation on the Côté Gold Project was initiated by IAMGOLD in 2012.



This Provincial environmental assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes anticipated to be required for approval of the Côté Gold Project. A Federal environmental assessment is also expected to be needed pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. IAMGOLD is working with the Ministry and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a coordinated environmental process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible in order to reduce duplication of effort.

Consultation:

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting IAMGOLD directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, including this opportunity to provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. All consultation events will be advertised in Gogama as well as Timmins and Sudbury, posted within local First Nation and Métis offices and published on www.iamgold.com.

Beginning **May 10, 2013**, the draft Terms of Reference will be available for download at: www.iamgold.com. You may inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

Gogama

IAMGOLD Corporation
Côté Gold Project
3 Mesomikenda Lake Road
P.O. Box 100
Gogama, ON P0M 1W0
T: 705-269-0010

Gogama Public Library
3 Low Avenue
P.O. Box 238
Gogama, ON P0M 1W0
T: 705-894-2448

Timmins

Timmins Public Library
320 Second Avenue
Timmins, ON
T: 705-360-2623

Sudbury

Greater Sudbury Public Library
74 Mackenzie Street
Sudbury, ON P3C 4X8
T: 705-673-1155

Toronto

IAMGOLD Corporation
401 Bay Street, Suite 3200
P.O. Box 153
Toronto, ON M5H 2Y4
T: 416-360-4710

Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
T: 416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

The Process:

The first step in the Provincial environmental assessment process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference. A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared and is being issued by IAMGOLD for public comment. It sets out the framework and work plan for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the environmental assessment, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered, how environmental effects will be evaluated, and the proposed public consultation activities.

A final proposed Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (the Ministry) and will be issued for a formal comment period coordinated by the Ministry. This document will consider comments received on the draft Terms of Reference. If approved by the Minister, the proposed Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Additionally, the draft Terms of Reference will also be available at local Aboriginal community offices.

Your written comments about the draft Terms of Reference are requested by **June 9, 2013**. All comments and questions about the Project and draft Terms of Reference should be directed to:

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