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# Celebrating first gold pour at Côté Gold!

We are excited to announce that, earlier in March, the Côté Gold team gathered to pour our first gold bar, representing the first step of production for what we truly believe will be decades of operations.

Bringing Côté over the finish line represented the culmination of over 15 million hours of work, four years of construction and a \$3 billion investment. It is a project that will be transformational for both IAMGOLD and the communities we work with.

Over its 18-year life, the mine is expected to contribute \$10 billion to

Ontario's GDP, \$5 billion in wages, and provide nearly 600 full-time jobs. It will not only become one of Canada's largest gold producers but also a model for modern and sustainable mining in the country. Positioned as an innovation leader, Côté is the first gold mine in North America designed and built for a fully automated haulage fleet. Automation not only brings significant benefits in health and safety and operating efficiencies but is a considerable step forward in the evolution of mining and the skilled workforce of tomorrow.

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First gold pour at Côté Gold in late March



### Côté Gold's ribbon-cutting ceremony

Côté Gold reached yet another milestone on May 22! Along with our closest community, Indigenous, government and business partners, IAMGOLD executives and staff gathered at the site to mark the official inauguration of the mine. A celebratory event that everybody enjoyed!

**Front row L-R:** Bryan Wilson, Côté Gold Vice President & General Manager, Renaud Adams, IAMGOLD President & CEO, Akira Nozaki, Sumitomo President and Representative Director, David Smith, Chair of the IAMGOLD Board, Bruno Lemelin, IAMGOLD Chief Operating Officer, and Jennifer Constant, Mattagami First Nation's Chief

### COMMUNITY

# **Commemorating National Indigenous History Month at Côté Gold**

As June unfolds, we at Côté Gold are proud to join in commemorating National Indigenous History Month in Canada. This month provides a meaningful opportunity to honour and amplify the voices of Indigenous communities, recognizing their enduring presence, remarkable contributions, and unwavering resilience throughout the history of Canada.

At Côté Gold, we are especially grateful for our strong relationships with the Mattagami First Nation, Flying Post First Nation, and the Abitibi Inland Métis Community. Embracing our connection to these lands and communities, we are committed to working co-operatively and fostering lasting partnerships built on mutual respect and trust.

### Earth Day celebration at Côté Gold: a new tradition begins

On April 22, Côté Gold celebrated Earth Day, marking the start of an annual tradition of collective cleaning activities at the mine site. To mark the occasion, Bryan Wilson, Côté Gold Vice President and General Manager, delivered opening remarks, followed by a smudging ceremony conducted by James Ray, Environmental Technician and member of Flying Post First Nation. Witnessing all workers come together to clean the site and surrounding areas was such a heartwarming thing to see!

#### Insightful discussion on Côté Gold mine at Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

Earlier in February, Renaud Adams, President and CEO of IAMGOLD, and Bryan Wilson, Vice President and General Manager of Côté Gold, spoke about the Côté Gold mine at a luncheon hosted by the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce. The event was an opportunity for both executives to shine a light on this transformational project.

# IAMGOLD was praised as responsible and trusted partner

IAMGOLD and Côté Gold were proud to sponsor the 7<sup>th</sup> First Nations Major Projects Coalition conference, an international forum for those who seek to incorporate Indigenous consent into their business approach and advance pathways to economic reconciliation. One of the event's highlights was Mattagami First Nation's Chief sharing her community's positive experience working in partnership with IAMGOLD since 2012.



Earth Day celebration at Côté Gold in late April



Renaud Adams, IAMGOLD President & CEO, speaking at the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce in late February



Mattagami First Nation's Chief, Jennifer C. Constant, shared her experience at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual FNMPC Conference in Toronto in late April

### **2023 Sustainability Report**

At IAMGOLD, we are committed to maintaining our culture of accountable mining through high standards of environmental, social and governance practices and our commitment to our Zero Harm<sup>®</sup> vision.

This year's sustainability report is themed "Striving for Sustainability Excellence." Our report focuses on our achievements and challenges related to our material topics: ESG (environmental, social, and governance) topics that matter the most to our stakeholders and our business.

Find out more here: www.iamgold.com/English/sustainability/reports/default.aspx



## **INVESTING IN PEOPLE**

# Celebrating first gold pour and ribbon-cutting (continued)

Seeing Côté through to completion was a massive endeavour, one that would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts and dogged determination of our team on the ground, who consistently upheld the highest health and safety standards: our top priority.

Of course, this success extends well beyond our teams at Côté, and we would

like to thank our community, Indigenous, government, and business partners for their unwavering support throughout this journey. It has been a privilege and honour to accomplish this project alongside such dedicated partners. Their support has helped us tremendously!

"The opening of a new mine is no small feat. It is a tremendous milestone for a mining company, a very special moment in a miner's career, and on a personal note, it's also a very special moment for me as President & CEO of IAMGOLD," said Renaud Adams, President and CEO.



# Nurturing the future of mining engineers: IAMGOLD's partnership with Laurentian University

Back in February, IAMGOLD's President and CEO, Renaud Adams, along with Bryan Wilson, Côté Gold Vice President and General Manager, and other executives, visited Laurentian University to witness the impact of IAMGOLD's \$2 million investment.



The tour showcased the completion of the Engineering Junction, the refurbishment of the mine design lab, and the acquisition of essential equipment for engineering teaching labs. The visit also highlighted critical research projects supported by IAMGOLD's funding.

The Côté Gold team also hosted 18 Mining Engineering students from Laurentian University at the mine site on March 27. The students explored the control room, maintenance shop, ore stockpile, and open pit, gaining insights into the industry.

This visit underscores our commitment to supporting the next generation of mining professionals and we look forward to continuing our valuable partnership with Laurentian University!

# 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 positions visit www.iamgold.com/cotegoldcareers.





# **Operational milestones**

On March 31, 2024, Côté Gold poured its first gold bar and celebrated its entry into "producer" status. The operational achievements in the first quarter include:

### **Mining activities**

Our mining operations team has made great progress, achieving a daily hauling record of 160,000 tonnes of material moved in April 2024. Also, we successfully mined 7.6 millions of tonnes in the first quarter! Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and dedication!

### **Processing plant**

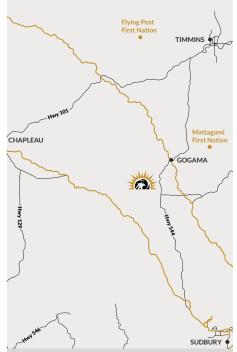
Processing plant ramp-up is progressing well, with the crushing, HPGR, and processing circuits performing within expectations, including power consumption. Our plant circuits achieve 1,600 tonnes per hour, equivalent to >95% of design capacity.

Operations are scheduled to continue to ramp up in the second quarter of 2024, and commercial production is expected to be achieved during the third quarter of 2024. We expect Côté Gold to exit the year at approximately 90% of nameplate throughput!



# Exploration

The Gosselin deposit is located immediately northeast of the Côté Gold deposit. Approximately 35,000 metres of expansion and delineation diamond drilling is planned for 2024, of which approximately 11,300 metres were completed in the first quarter of 2024 to test different areas of the Gosselin deposit extensions and the gap between Gosselin West Breccia body and the Côté Breccia at depth. Another 6,000 metres is planned this year to test high-potential targets along the favourable structural corridor that links the Côté and Gosselin deposits and runs through the Chester intrusive complex. This is very exciting!



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.

# Permitting update

IAMGOLD continues to apply for and obtain permits required to construct and operate the mine. Since March 2024, we have received the following permits:

#### Permit to Remove Forest Resources Amendment

• Permit amended to include additional tree clearing areas (No. P10103\_A3)

#### Permit to Take Water (PTTW)

- New permit for Tailings Management Facility (TMF) Stage 2 Dam construction (No. 6015-D2DKDH)
- Amended permit No. 4314-C5EK2L for use as dust suppressant and extend expiry date (No. 5757-CZDLH5)
- New permit for construction of runoff and seepage collection ditch system for the NE zone of the Mine Rock Area (MRA) (No. 1366-D49S5D)

#### Public Land Act (Work Permit)

• New Work Permit for Watercourse Realignment Channel (WCR) 2 Low Flow Mitigation (No. TIKL-2024-PLA-00019-WP001)

#### Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

• Extended the expiry date of permit No. TM2019-0327

A list of all permits applied for and received to date is available at **www.iamgold.com/cotegold** in the Permitting Applications section.

To learn more about open positions, visit **cotegold.ca**. For any inquiry about the project, contact us via **cotegold@iamgold.com** or call us at **1-888-523-9998**.

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