



Let's Talk:

The Côte Gold Project Community Newsletter

IAMGOLD is proposing the construction, operation and eventual closure of a new open pit gold mine in northeastern Ontario, near Gogama – the Côte Gold Project (the Project). We are currently conducting engineering studies to further confirm and determine the technical and economic aspects of the Project as well as pursuing environmental approvals from both the Provincial and Federal governments.

Côte Gold Project Update

Since our last newsletter (July 2013), IAMGOLD has been busy preparing submissions for the Federal and Provincial environmental assessments (EAs). As part of this process, we have been working hard to collect data for our baseline studies which will provide a foundation for assessing the potential effects the Project could have on the physical, biological and human environment surrounding the Project area.

Baseline Studies

Physical environment baseline studies describe the physical conditions and characteristics in the Project area. These studies focus on assessing the current state of the physical environment within and around the Project site. The physical environment baseline studies look at current levels of air quality, noise, hydrology, climate, surface conditions and groundwater quality. The biological environment baseline studies describe the biological conditions and characteristics around the Project site, including: soils; vegetation; wildlife and aquatic biology of the area; an estimation of the Project area's biodiversity; and finally, a description of any protected areas near the Project site. Lastly, human environment baseline studies have been conducted to describe the socio-economic conditions within and near the Project site. These studies are focused on assessing local land and resource uses in the Project area, Aboriginal communities traditional use of the land, archeological and heritage sites of significance and the socio-economics of the local and regional areas.

IAMGOLD produced and posted a Baseline Studies Fact Sheet Booklet to the Project website in the summer of 2013. The Booklet provides readers with a thorough description of all the baseline studies that have been completed or are currently underway, and describes some of the preliminary findings.



Côte Gold Project Location



Effects Prediction

In preparation of the Environmental Assessment, it has been important for IAMGOLD to try and accurately predict the number of potential effects the Project could have on the local physical, biological and human environment and the extent to which these effects could potentially alter the state of the local area.

Understanding these effects will allow IAMGOLD to make the best decisions regarding environmental management measures that can be taken to avoid or minimize potential Project effects on the environment. Our commitment to this process is in line with our ZERO Harm framework that guides and underpins all of the work undertaken by the company. In addition, IAMGOLD will seek input from Aboriginal communities, government agencies and the general public to determine what measures can and should be taken to help enhance and distribute the benefits of the Project (such as job and business opportunities).

Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies

Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies are two of the baseline studies that are being conducted in the Project area. These studies describe the current Aboriginal (First Nation and Métis) traditional land and resource uses that could potentially be affected by the Project. These baseline studies describe activities practiced by Aboriginal peoples in the Project area, such as fishing, hunting, plant harvesting and cultural and ceremonial practices, and the resources that are required in order for Aboriginal communities to continue engaging in these activities.



Archaeological Work Underway at Project Site

Proposed Project Schedule

Construction of the Project is expected to commence in early 2015, after the necessary environmental approvals and permits are complete. The proposed gold mine would begin operation in 2017.



Consultation and Community Engagement

Over the summer, IAMGOLD participated in a number of local events. During July, IAMGOLD joined the Gogama Fire Department for a Community BBQ, and hosted Elders and community members from Mattagami First Nation on Site for a Cultural Heritage Day. Throughout August, IAMGOLD participated in the Wabun Golf Tournament, a Mattagami First Nation Pow Wow, the Timmins Heart and Stroke Great Canadian Kayak Race, the Westree Centennial Fundraiser to support local needs for fire equipment and continued supporting Right to Play events in Mattagami First Nation. IAMGOLD will continue to build relationships with local community members, and appreciates the ongoing involvement the local communities warmly extend to us.

IAMGOLD's Fall (2013) consultation will be primarily focused on sharing the results of our baselines studies and effects prediction with Aboriginal Chief's and Council's, local stakeholders and government agencies. As part of this process, we will be seeking your input regarding our proposed mitigation strategies to ensure that our plan for managing potential effects provides the most optimal outcome for all stakeholders involved in the Project, to the extent practicable.

IAMGOLD will be hosting an open house in Gogama on November 13th at 7pm. For more information on this event, please contact us! Our contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

IAMGOLD uses these events as an opportunity to share information about the Project, and to take your comments and concerns into consideration as part of the Project planning. If you are unable to attend this event, but want to discuss the Project with us, please contact us! You can also contact us to request to be added to our Project mailing list for future invites to our consultation events and to receive key updates on the Project.



Pow Wow at Mattagami First Nation

Over the next couple of months, IAMGOLD will be working towards submitting the draft Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as part of the respective Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment processes.

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



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