

### The Study

This Notice of Commencement is provided to inform the public, Indigenous communities and interested parties that **IAMGOLD Corporation** (IAMGOLD) is beginning an environmental study to determine the potential environmental effects of the installation of a 115 kV transmission line connecting the **Côté Gold Project** to the Hydro One transmission network near the Shining Tree Distribution Station, to provide permanent power for the proposed mine.



### Background

The Côté Gold Project is majority owned by IAMGOLD, and consists of a proposed open pit gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure. The Côté Gold Project is located approximately 20 kilometres southwest of Gogama in northeastern Ontario. Development of the mine requires a reliable power supply for the construction and operations phases.

IAMGOLD proposes to construct a new 115 kV transmission line of approximately 44 km length, from a location near the Shining Tree Distribution Station to the mine. The new transmission line will be constructed primarily along an existing transmission line right-of-way.

### The Process

The study will be carried out in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Environmental Screening Process for Category B Projects set out in Ontario Regulation 116/01 (the *Electricity Projects Regulations*) and the Hydro One *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Line Facilities* under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

On completion of the study, an Environmental Screening Report will be completed and made available for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of Completion will advise interested parties of the locations where the report can be reviewed.

### Comments

Members of the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process.

Notice of all upcoming consultation events will be advertised in local papers and published at:  
[www.iamgold.com/cotegold-events](http://www.iamgold.com/cotegold-events)

More information about the Côté Gold Project is available at:  
[www.iamgold.com/cotegold](http://www.iamgold.com/cotegold)

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