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Steven Woolfenden
Manager, Corporate Environmental Assessments and Approvals
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Dear Mr. Woolfenden:

Thank you for submitting your Terms of Reference on July 19, 2013 for an environmental assessment for the Côté Gold Project. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved your Terms of Reference.

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, your environmental assessment must now be prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference. While this approval provides additional certainty to your environmental assessment decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. IAMGOLD Corporation is responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the Terms of Reference and for providing the appropriate level of quality in the environmental assessment.

Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved Terms of Reference in preparing your environmental assessment, you will need to submit a new Terms of Reference for my decision. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the Ministry of the Environment through the ministry's Environmental Approvals Branch.

Should you require further assistance please contact Mr. Wesley Wright, Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-325-5500 or by e-mail at wesley.wright@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Bradley". The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jim Bradley
Minister

Attachment

c: Ellen Campbell, Project Manager, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Dawn-Ann Metsaranta, Exploration and Development Consultant, South Porcupine
Office, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
Steven Momy, Environmental Officer, Timmins District Office, Ministry of the
Environment

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SUBSECTION 6(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: IAMGOLD Corporation

Undertaking: Côté Gold Project

EA File No.: EA FILE NO. 05-09-02

As provided for by subsection 6(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act, the Terms of Reference, as submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment on July 19, 2013 to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, is hereby approved.

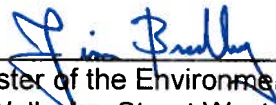
Reasons:

I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The Terms of Reference ensures that the environmental assessment will be completed using a public, Aboriginal and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The Terms of Reference ensures that the completed environmental assessment will contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of a reasonable range of alternatives and the proposed undertaking;
3. The Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest; and,

4. All issues and concerns raised have adequately been addressed in the Terms of Reference or can be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Dated the 14th day of January, 2014^{J.B.} at TORONTO.



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