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May 3, 2013

Mr. Steve Woolfenden
Manager, Corporate Environmental Assessments and Approvals
IAMGOLD Corporation
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Dear Mr. Woolfenden:

Thank you for submitting three signed copies of the Voluntary Agreement (Agreement) to make the Côté Gold Project proposed by IAMGOLD Corporation (IAMGOLD) subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA).

IAMGOLD is to be commended for seeking and obtaining the designation of this private sector project under the EAA, which ensures that the project will be subject to the requirements of the EAA, including the consideration of environmental impacts and consultation with interested parties.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Agreement between the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and IAMGOLD, for your file. The Agreement makes the undertaking as defined in the Agreement subject to the requirements of the EAA.

As you are aware, your project is also subject to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012, and the MOE is communicating regularly with the federal government to coordinate the environmental assessment (EA) requirements of both jurisdictions to avoid any delays or duplication that may be caused by two separate EA processes.

Please note that defining the undertaking to be assessed in a provincial EA is the responsibility of the proponent during the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR). IAMGOLD should consider all factors, including potential EA triggers, work proposed by other proponents, potential environmental effects, and public and Aboriginal concerns in confirming the definition of the undertaking for the provincial EA during the preparation of the ToR.

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Should the undertaking vary, either because of a change in plans on IAMGOLD's side or because of other initiatives, please contact the MOE to discuss whether it would be warranted to amend the Agreement.

Please be reminded that as the proponent, you will be responsible for undertaking an EA in accordance with the requirements of the EAA, including public and Aboriginal consultation and a thorough evaluation of the project.

I can assure you that the MOE will continue to make every effort to coordinate the provincial review of this undertaking with you, and the EA process administered by our federal counterparts under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wesley Wright, Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch at 416-325-5500 or by e-mail at wesley.wright@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Ian Parrott
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

Encl.

AGREEMENT

This agreement is made in triplicate,

BETWEEN

The Minister of the Environment [the “Minister”]

AND

IAMGOLD Corporation, its agents, successors and assigns [the “Proponent”]

CONCERNING

The Côté Gold Project located in Chester and Neville Townships, District of Sudbury, approximately 20 kilometres (km) southwest of Gogama, 130 km southwest of Timmins, and 200 km northwest of Sudbury. This undertaking involves the establishment, construction, operation, and closure of an open pit gold mine and ore processing facility, including associated transportation and electricity infrastructure, waste management and any ancillary activities.

[the “Undertaking”]

Whereas s. 3.0.1 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* states:

A person, other than a person referred to in clause 3(a), who carries out, proposes to carry out or is the owner or person having charge, management or control of an enterprise or activity or a proposal, plan or program in respect of an enterprise or activity may enter into a written agreement with the Minister to have this Act apply to the enterprise, activity, proposal, plan or program.

Whereas the Proponent is a person, other than a person referred to in clause 3(a) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, who carries out, proposes to carry out or is the owner or person having charge, management or control of an enterprise or activity or a proposal, plan or program in respect of an enterprise or activity which is described above as the Undertaking.

Whereas the Proponent who proposes to engage in the Undertaking and has requested that the *Environmental Assessment Act* apply to the Undertaking.

NOW, THEREFORE:

The Minister and the Proponent agree that the *Environmental Assessment Act* apply to the Undertaking.

This Agreement shall take effect from the date of the last signature below and shall continue indefinitely unless terminated by the agreement of both Parties, in writing.

Executed by:



Ian Parrott
A/Director, Environmental Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment

May 3/13

DATE



Robert Carreau
SVP, Health, Safety & Sustainability
IAMGOLD Corporation
I have the authority to bind the Corporation.

May 3/13

DATE