

3.0 PARTICIPANTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

3.1 Potentially Affected and Interested Stakeholders

IAMGOLD has informed and involved the stakeholders associated with the Côté Gold Project (the Project) in a variety of ways (see Chapter 4). The focus of early consultation was to introduce IAMGOLD and their representatives, to inform the community of the status of the exploration and mining-related activities, and to provide information regarding the Provincial Terms of Reference (ToR), Federal Project Description, Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) processes and future engagement opportunities. Consultation activities then focused on gathering input for the Provincial and Federal EAs, and engaging stakeholders in the environmental baseline data collection. Subsequent engagement was conducted to support the EA process and to obtain feedback on the Project design and mitigation strategies.

The main stakeholders involved to date include those with a direct interest in the Project, or those who were able to provide data for baseline studies. This includes Municipal, Provincial, and Federal government department representatives, community-based service providers, economic development agencies and other similar groups. Several open houses were held in Timmins, Gogama and Sudbury to engage local stakeholders. Detail of the consultation activities is presented in Chapter 4.

The range of stakeholders is expected to evolve throughout the Project development to reflect varying levels of interest and opportunities over time. Stakeholders who have been or could be involved in the Project include:

- Business and Community Interests:
 - Cambrian College;
 - Collège Boréal;
 - Gogama Area Citizens Committee;
 - Gogama Area Chamber of Commerce;
 - Gogama Recreation Committee;
 - Gogama Snowmobile Club;
 - Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce;
 - Greater Sudbury Development Corporation;
 - Laurentian University;
 - Mesomikenda Lake Cottagers;
 - Northern College;
 - Sudbury Area Mining Supply and Service Association;
 - Timmins Chamber of Commerce;
 - Timmins Economic Development Corporation;

- Local land and resource users (e.g., trapline permit holders);
- Adjacent or local mineral and/or surface rights holders;
- Local small business owners; and
- Local tourism operators.
- Environmental Non-Government Organizations:
 - Mining Watch Canada;
 - Northwatch; and
 - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Wildlands League).
- Non-Government Organizations:
 - Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario;
 - Ontario Mining Association;
 - Ontario Prospectors Association;
 - Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association; and
 - Sudbury Prospectors and Developers.
- Municipal Government:
 - Community of Gogama (Gogama Local Services Board);
 - City of Greater Sudbury; and
 - City of Timmins.
- Provincial (Ontario) Government:
 - Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;
 - Ministry of Economic Development and Trade;
 - Ministry of Energy;
 - Ministry of Infrastructure;
 - Ministry of Labour;
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - Ministry of Northern Development and Mines;
 - Ministry of the Environment;
 - Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport;
 - Ministry of Transportation;
 - Mattagami Region Conservation Authority;
 - Ontario Energy Board and Ontario Power Authority;

- Ontario Provincial Police; and
- Provincial Parliament representatives.
- Federal Government:
 - Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada;
 - Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency;
 - Environment Canada;
 - Federal Parliament representatives;
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
 - Health Canada;
 - Major Projects Management Office;
 - Natural Resources Canada; and
 - Transport Canada.

3.2 Other Jurisdictions

IAMGOLD is not aware of other jurisdictions with EA or regulatory requirements with respect to the Project that have not been identified in previous sections.

3.3 Potentially Affected and Interested Aboriginal Groups

The Aboriginal groups initially consulted with and engaged in relation to the Project were identified using the following criteria:

- direction from the Provincial Crown (represented by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; MNDM);
- direction from the Canadian Environmental Agency (the Agency) based on information provided by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC);
- proximity to the Project; if the stakeholders or Aboriginal groups are resident in and/or have jurisdiction over the area in which the Project is proposed or has the potential to affect;
- demonstrated previous interest in potential biophysical and/or socio-economic environmental effects of the Project; or
- Aboriginal groups with traditional lands encompassing the Project site and its related proposed infrastructure.

In March, 2013, the Federal Crown (the Agency) informed IAMGOLD that the following groups should be consulted about the Project:

- Mattagami First Nation;
- Flying Post First Nation;

- Brunswick House First Nation;
- Métis Nation – Region 3; and
- Algonquin Anishinabeg Tribal Council.

The Agency noted that, as the Federal EA progresses, three additional First Nations would be notified about the Project (CEAA, 2013):

- Chapleau First Nation;
- Matachewan First Nation; and
- Beaverhouse First Nation.

In June 2013, the Provincial Crown identified that the following groups should be consulted about the Project (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, 2013):

- Mattagami First Nation;
- Flying Post First Nation;
- Brunswick House First Nation;
- Matachewan First Nation; and
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).

Due to requests of self-identified Aboriginal groups, as well as advice provided by the Federal and Provincial Crowns, IAMGOLD engaged 10 First Nations, two Tribal Councils, and the MNO (see Chapter 4). IAMGOLD remains open to considering additional assertions of claim over the areas potentially affected by the Project.

An important part of the Project permitting and planning process is proactive engagement with Aboriginal communities. This engagement includes ensuring potentially affected Aboriginal communities are informed and engaged in the development of the Project, responding to their interests and concerns, and continuing to build and maintain positive relationships. This has been and is currently being achieved by creating a forum for dialogue and information exchange (verbal and written) and fostering an ongoing relationship between the potentially affected Aboriginal communities and IAMGOLD.