

## **Enclosure 1: Summary of information available to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada with respect to the potential adverse impacts of the Upper Beaver Gold Project on Temagami First Nation's Exercise of Rights**

This document was prepared by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) following the planning phase for the Upper Beaver Gold Project (the Project). The purpose of this document is to set out the Agency's preliminary understanding of the potential adverse impacts of the Project on Temagami First Nation's exercise of rights. As additional information becomes available throughout the impact assessment process, this document will be updated.

### **Summary of Information Available to the Agency about:**

- a) The nature and extent of Temagami First Nation's Aboriginal and treaty rights;**
- b) Potential impacts of the Project to the exercise of Temagami First Nation's rights; and**
- c) Potential impacts of the Project on the health, social, or economic conditions of Temagami First Nation.**

a) Summary of the information available to the Agency related to the nature and extent of Temagami First Nation's Aboriginal and treaty rights:

- Members of Temagami First Nation have Aboriginal and treaty rights that are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
- Temagami First Nation holds treaty rights associated with the Robinson-Huron Treaty, and have rights to hunting and fishing throughout the treaty area.
- Temagami First Nation's reserve is located approximately 136 kilometres south from the project site.
- The project area is not within the traditional territory of Temagami First Nation.

b) Summary of the information available to the Agency on the potential impacts to the exercise of Temagami First Nation's rights resulting from any change to the environment due to the Project are identified below:

#### **Potential impacts to physical and cultural heritage**

- No information currently available.

#### **Potential impacts to the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes**

- Potential regional impacts to species of cultural importance, including moose, bears, beavers, fish (pickerel and lake trout).
- Potential changes in the region to quality and abundance of lands and resources used for fishing, hunting and trapping.
- Potential impact to the watersheds that flow through Temagami First Nation's traditional territory.

#### **Potential impacts to any structure, site, or thing that is of historical, archeological, paleontological, or architectural significance**

- No information currently available.

c) Summary of the information available to the Agency on any potential changes to the health, social, or economic conditions of Temagami First Nation due to the Project:

- Potential economic impact from potentially limited employment opportunities for community members due to distance from the project site.

- Potential opportunities for training to allow for additional employment opportunities for community members.
- Potential social impact from transportation of heavy-duty equipment for mining or mine construction on Highway 11, which is used by local residents.

**FOR ACTION:** The Agency requests that you validate the information set out above and provide any additional information about the impacts the Project may have on Temagami First Nation's exercise of rights by **February 1, 2023**. Additional details about the nature and extent of potential impacts to Temagami First Nation or the exercise of rights of Temagami First Nation may refine our understanding of the potential impacts of the Project and allow the Agency to adjust its consultation approach, where necessary. In addition, the Agency would like to meet with your community to discuss the information set out above to better understand how your community may be impacted by the Project. The Agency encourages Temagami First Nation to share information with the proponent to inform the development of the proponent's Impact Statement.