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Sent by email

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Steve Lines:

**Subject: Commencement of federal technical review of the
Environmental Impact Statement for the Springpole Gold
Project**

Thank you for your November 4, 2024, submission to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Springpole Gold Project (the Project). IAAC reviewed the EIS to determine whether it conforms to the *Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*,¹ and their subsequent amendment² (known together as the EIS Guidelines).

IAAC has concluded that the EIS and EIS Summary conform to the EIS Guidelines. IAAC is commencing the federal technical review of the EIS today, December 2, 2024, which marks the first day lapsed on the federal legal timeline, which will be day 54 of 365.

Please note that the EIS and EIS Summary will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) page for the Project at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80149>. IAAC will invite comments by the public and Indigenous communities during the federal public comment period, from December 2, 2024, to January 10, 2025.

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¹ Issued on June 19, 2018; <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/141843>

² Issued on March 11, 2022; <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80149/141805E.pdf>



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Conformance with the EIS Guidelines does not imply that the information provided is adequate to support the environmental assessment. IAAC notes that Information Requirements (IRs) may be issued to you based on the results of the technical review conducted by federal reviewers, and input received during the public comment period from the Indigenous communities, provincial ministries, and the public.

In accordance with subsections 27(6) and 23(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), the period that is taken by a proponent to comply with the information requirements is not included in the calculation of the time limit within which the Minister's decision must be made.

For more information on the approach to managing federal environmental assessment timelines under CEAA 2012, please consult IAAC's Operational Policy Statement on Information Requests and Timelines at https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/iaac-acei/documents/ops/ops-information_requests_and_timelines.pdf.

Should you have any questions regarding the technical review of the EIS, please contact me by phone at 226-749-1214 or by e-mail at springpolegoldmine-minedorsspringpole@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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