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## **APPENDIX B**

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**Appendix B-5  
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Final Approved Terms of Reference**

**Table B-5-1: First Mining Gold Corp. Springpole Gold Project Concordance Table for the Final Approved Terms of Reference**

Final Approved Terms of Reference for the First Mining Gold Corp. Springpole Gold Project Section Number and Description	Applicable Corresponding EIS/EA Section and/or Appendix Number
<b>2 IDENTIFICATION OF HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE PREPARED</b>	
<b>2.1 Provincial Environmental Assessment Requirements</b>	
<p>An EA is a planning and decision-making process used to promote environmentally responsible decision-making. In Ontario, this process is defined and is subject to the authority of the EAA. The purpose of the Act is “the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment”. Pursuant to the EAA, “environment” is broadly defined to include “the natural, social, economic, cultural and built environments”. The EAA promotes responsible environmental decision-making and ensures that interested persons have an opportunity to comment on undertakings that may affect them.</p>	<p>Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Appendices B, C, D</p>
<p>During the EA process, FMG will review the components of the Undertaking, including the final project design and proposed alternative methods, to determine whether additional EA requirements may apply to the Undertaking.</p>	<p>Section 2.0 Consultation Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.7 Ongoing Consultation Section 2.8 Comments Tables Sections 4, 5, 11 Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation (RoC) Appendices E, T</p>
<p>As per Section 3.0.1 of the EAA, proponents can submit a request for a Voluntary Agreement to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC now referred to as Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and</p>	<p>Appendices B-3, B-4, D</p>

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Parks; MECP) to have the EAA apply to the Undertaking. FMG has elected to proceed with one individual EA process pursuant to the EAA that will encompass all the Class EA requirements for all aspects of the Project.	
FMG met with the "provincial regulatory agencies" to discuss the application for a Voluntary Agreement. A technical memo (provided in Appendix A) was sent to the Minister stating that FMG will be following the EAA. The Minister concurred with the request and on April 18, 2018, FMG entered into a Voluntary Agreement (provided in Appendix A) with the MOECC (now referred to as MECP) to complete the requirements of a provincial individual EA and to satisfy the conditions of Section 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EAA (refer to Appendix A for the Voluntary Agreement). The provincial individual EA will integrate the EAA needs into one single, comprehensive EA process / document	Appendices B-3, B-4, D
The decision by FMG to enter into a Voluntary Agreement to complete an individual EA for the Undertaking was based on several factors, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The evolution of planning and identification of additional infrastructure for the Undertaking and increased certainty of carrying out one individual EA process that will encompass all the Class EA requirements for all aspects of the Project.</li> </ul>	Appendices B-3, B-4, D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved transparency and clarity through the integration and coordination of provincial and federal EA requirements.</li> </ul>	Appendices B-3, B-4, D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature of the Undertaking, such that the potential provincial EA requirements and public interest warranted an individual EA.</li> </ul>	Appendices B-3, B-4, D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with regulatory agencies, historical knowledge from previous owners and based on feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders, including as described in the Record of Consultation (RoC).</li> </ul>	Appendices B-3, B-4, C, D
A copy of the Voluntary Agreement was shared with communities interested in the Project. The Ministry also sent a letter to the interested communities to inform them that FMG has entered into an agreement with MECP, and that FMG is required to undertake consultation.	Appendix B-3, B-4
An individual EA will be prepared by FMG to satisfy the applicable EAA requirements for all components of the undertaking that are subject to the EAA or that have been designated subject to the EAA by way of a Voluntary Agreement. These requirements will be addressed through the preparation of an EA that will include as a minimum: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The purpose of the Undertaking;</li> </ol>	Section 1.3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) A description of and a statement of the rationale for:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Undertaking</li> <li>ii) The alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Sections 1.3, 4.4

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c) A description of: i) The environment that will be affected or that might reasonably be expected to be affected, directly or indirectly.	Sections 3, 6
ii) The effects that will be caused or that might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment.	Sections 6, 7
iii) The actions necessary or that may reasonably be expected to be necessary to prevent, change, mitigate or remedy the effects upon or the effects that might reasonably be expected upon the environment by the Undertaking, and the alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking.	Sections 4, 6, 7, 12
d) An evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the Undertaking, the alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking.	Section 4 Appendices E, T
e) A description of any consultation about the undertaking by the proponent and the results of the consultation.	Section 2 Appendices C, D
As outlined in Section 5.2.2 of the Code of Practice, defining that the EA will be prepared in accordance with 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) requires additional information that differentiates the elements of the EA from that of the generic elements of 6.1(2). The Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) has deemed the open pit the only practical alternative to the Undertaking, therefore, with respect to subsections 6.1 (2) (b) (iii), (c), and (d) of the EAA, "alternatives to the Undertaking" will not be considered. Open pit mining is the only alternative, there are no other alternatives to the undertaking; however, all other requirements under subsections 6.1(2)(b)(iii), (c) and (d) will be considered during the EA process.	Section 4
The ToR describes how FMG intends to undertake the EA; however, it provides flexibility to address new circumstances that may be identified as the EA study progresses.	Section 13
<b>2.2 Federal Environmental Assessment Requirements</b>	
The Springpole Gold Project is also subject to a federal EA under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; 2012 (CEAA 2012). Designated Projects included in the Regulations Designating Physical Activities are subject to CEAA 2012. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (now the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) determined that the Project will be considered a Designated Project, as per the Regulations Designating Physical Activities:	Section 1.7.1 Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.2 Federal Requirements Section 2.8 Comments Tables Appendix B-1 Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Public Stakeholders RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction, operation, decommissioning and abandonment of a new metal mill with an ore input capacity of 4,000 tpd or more (Section 16(b)); and</li> </ul>	Section 1.7.1

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction, operation, decommissioning and abandonment of a new rare earth element mine or gold mine, other than a placer mine, with an ore production capacity of 600 tpd or more (Section 16(c)).</li> </ul>	Section 1.7.1
<p>FMG prepared and submitted a Project Description for review and comment by the Agency in February 2018. The Project Description was prepared to meet the requirements of the Agency's Guide to Preparing a Project Description of a Designated Project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 and the Prescribed Information for the Description of a Designated Project Regulations. CEAA reviewed the Project Description and determined that a federal EA would be required under CEAA 2012. The federal EIS Guidelines were provided by the Agency on June 19, 2018, which outline the nature, scope and extent of the information required in the federal EIS. As per Section 19(1) of CEAA 2012, the federal EA of a Designated Project must consider the following factors:</p> <p>a) Environmental effects of the Project, including the environmental effects of malfunctions or accidents that may occur in connection with the Project and any cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from the Project in combination with other physical activities that have been or will be carried out;</p>	Sections 6, 7, 9, 15 Appendix B-1
<p>b) The significance of effects referred to in (a);</p>	Section 6
<p>c) Comments from the public that are received in accordance with the Act;</p>	Section 2 Appendices C, D
<p>d) Mitigation measures that are technically and economically feasible and that would mitigate any significant adverse environmental effects of the Project;</p>	Section 6
<p>e) The requirements of the follow-up program in respect of the Project;</p>	Section 12
<p>f) The purpose of the Project;</p>	Section 1.3
<p>g) Alternative means of carrying out the Project that are technically and economically feasible and the environmental effects of any such alternatives;</p>	Section 4
<p>h) Any change to the Project that may be caused by the environment;</p>	Section 8
<p>i) The results of any relevant study conducted by a committee established under Sections 73 or 74; and</p>	N/A
<p>j) Any other matter relevant to the EA that the responsible authority required to be considered.</p>	Section 6.25

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<b>2.3 Coordinated Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment Process</b>	
There are specific overlapping and similarities in requirements between the provincial EA under the EAA and a federal EA under CEAA 2012. This includes, but is not limited to, requirements for consultation and engagement, environmental baseline studies, effects assessment, mitigation, monitoring, and follow up. FMG intends to work with the MECP and the Agency to integrate the provincial and federal EA processes to meet the needs of each Act, while minimizing duplication of effort.	Section 1.7.3
A cooperation agreement is in place between the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada: the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation (2004), which will facilitate this approach to completing the different EA requirements.	Section 1.7
The proposed coordinated approach will facilitate greater efficiency, foster cooperation between the parties, and result in a single body of documentation that satisfies both federal and provincial EA requirements.	Section 1.7.3
The agreement states that the federal and provincial governments will coordinate the EA process whenever projects are subject to review by both jurisdictions. The agreement maintains the current level of environmental standards and the legislative and decision-making responsibilities of both governments at the time of developing the ToR.	Section 1.7.3
FMG intends to prepare a single EA document (the EIS/EA) to meet both the provincial requirements as defined in the ToR when approved, and federal EA requirements per the EIS Guidelines. Concordance tables will be provided in the EIS/EA to demonstrate how the document meets both of these requirements. After FMG issues the EIS/EA, the provincial and federal EA review and approval processes will continue in a parallel manner to the extent practical, according to each jurisdictions regulatory requirements.	Section 1.7
The coordinated EA process is summarized by the following steps: 1. Pre-EA Planning, including signing of the provincial Voluntary Agreement, development of the provincial ToR;	Section 1.7.3 Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones
2. Commencement of the EA;	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones
3. Issuance of federal EIS Guidelines;	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Appendix B-1

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4. Approval of the provincial ToR;	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Appendix B-3
5. Preparation and submission of the EIS/EA by FMG;	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Appendices C, D
6. Review of EIS/EA by regulatory agencies, Indigenous communities and stakeholders;	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Appendices C, D
7. EA decisions from provincial Minister of MECP and federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change; and	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Appendices C, D
8. Monitoring and follow-up.	Section 12
<p>The federal EA process commenced on February 23, 2018 with the submittal of a Project Description to the Agency. The information within the Project Description put forth by FMG is considered preliminary. FMG recognizes that the EA planning and decision-making process is dynamic. In preparation of the EIS/EA, and through the EA process, FMG will be sensitive to changing conditions and new information, and will provide flexibility in the EA to deal with changing circumstances. This approach will be applied in parallel for both EA processes when considering and evaluating alternatives, the outcome of which is to ensure that the most appropriate means of addressing the identified problem or opportunity is selected. This approach, if carried out effectively, will result in the identification of a preferred alternative which has a rational justification for environmental approval.</p>	Sections 4, 13 Appendices E, T
<p>FMG will make reasonable attempts to coordinate consultation activities required by both the provincial and federal EA process, in order to maximize opportunities for Indigenous communities and stakeholders to be effectively engaged (as outlined in Appendix E). FMG will disseminate federal and provincial EA information simultaneously as reasonable to minimize duplication and unnecessary delays.</p>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Section 2.2.2 Federal Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones

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	Sections 1.8 Appendices C, D
<p>The coordinated EA process must be flexible to address the difference in timing between the two legislative requirements. In the event that there are unforeseen changes in the plan that is material and different from what has been described in the Project Description, FMG will work with both the Agency and MECP to address their requirements, and will explore feasible alternative methods to ensure project options are feasible and not limited. FMG will ensure the content of the EIS/EA will satisfy the requirements of both the approved ToR and the EIS Guidelines, and will serve as the basis for review by the relevant federal and provincial agencies.</p>	Section 13
<p>For the coordinated provincial-federal EA approach, FMG will continue to work with both the Agency and the MECP to refine, as appropriate, a path forward that aligns key aspects of the assessment process that will satisfy the requirements of both the federal and provincial EA processes, to the extent reasonable. The coordinated approach will also minimize duplication and improve efficiency including sharing of comments received during comment periods, coordinating Indigenous consultation and engagement to the extent practical, using common documents that meet the requirements of both governments, and potentially establishing common working groups to facilitate the review process. Based on FMG’s preliminary assessment, there are procedural aspects that may be aligned for both the federal and provincial EA processes, some of which have already been completed or are underway. These may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of timelines;</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Section 2.2.2 Federal Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Appendices C, D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental baseline studies (biophysical and socio-economic);</li> </ul>	Section 3.3 Appendices G to S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community consultation and engagement, activities and methodologies;</li> </ul>	Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Appendices C Appendix D Record of Consultation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical meetings;</li> </ul>	Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Appendix D Record of Consultation Appendices C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of potential effects, mitigation, and significance of residual effects (biophysical and human environment);</li> </ul>	Sections 6, 7,15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIS/EA preparation; and</li> </ul>	Section 1.9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental management plans and reporting.</li> </ul>	Section 12
<b>3 PURPOSE OF THE UNDERTAKING</b>	
The purpose of the Undertaking is to extract ore by open pit mining for processing on site, to produce doré (gold and silver) bars to sell on the market, and provide a return on investment to FMG shareholders.	Section 1.3
This deposit that will be developed in a responsible manner, which respects Indigenous communities, regional stakeholders, and environmental protection best practices provides an opportunity for FMG to provide a reasonable rate of return on investment to shareholders and bring benefits to the local and regional economy.	Section 1.3
The Undertaking has the potential to increase local and regional revenue and business profits, from which future investments can be made in social services, community infrastructure, business development, training and employment.	Section 1.3
This description of the purpose of the Undertaking is a preliminary statement and is subject to refinement upon the discovery of new information, including through the EA process. FMG is committed to refining the statement if required.	Section 1.3
<b>4 DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE FOR THE UNDERTAKING</b>	
A preliminary description of the proposed Undertaking is provided below based on currently available technical and economic assessments, and is pending the results of the EA and ongoing consultation and engagement. Additional information is provided in appendices; however, the final description and rationale for the proposed undertaking will be further developed and included in the EIS/EA once alternatives have been fully considered and evaluated. The final description and rationale for the preferred Undertaking will be further developed and provided in the EIS/EA.	Sections 1.3, 5
<b>4.1 Description of the Undertaking</b>	

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The EIS/EA will identify and assess alternatives for all major components of the proposed Undertaking such that the justifications for the preferred option / approaches are clearly presented. The final description of the proposed Undertaking and rationale (provided in Section 4.3) will be updated and included in the EIS/EA.	Section 4, 5 Appendix E, T
In summary, the key components of the Undertaking located on the Springpole site are expected to include, but are not limited to:	Section 5.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open pits;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cofferdams and dewatering infrastructure;</li> </ul>	Section 5.6.5, 5.6.6, 5.11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MRSA;</li> </ul>	Section 5.7.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ore stockpiles;</li> </ul>	Section 5.7.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ore process plant;</li> </ul>	Section 5.8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TMF;</li> </ul>	Section 5.9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water management and treatment facilities;</li> </ul>	Section 5.11-1 – 5.11.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site haul roads, access roads and parking areas;</li> </ul>	Sections 5.2.6, 5.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office building and assay lab;</li> </ul>	Sections 5.4, 5.8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine maintenance, shop and warehouse;</li> </ul>	Sections 5.6.7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site power generation, distribution lines, substation and transformers;</li> </ul>	Section 5.17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laydown and storage areas;</li> </ul>	Section 5.12, 5.17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical and fuel storage, and fuel distribution;</li> </ul>	Section 5.12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosives storage and manufacturing;</li> </ul>	Section 5.6.7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water supply and distribution system;</li> </ul>	Section 5.11.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodations / camp;</li> </ul>	Section 5.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic sewage treatment facility; and</li> </ul>	Section 5.14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landfill and solid waste handling facility</li> </ul>	Section 5.13
The key components of the Undertaking located off of the Springpole site are expected to include, but are not limited to:	Section 5.2.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access road;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggregate operations (quarries and pits)</li> </ul>	Section 5.15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power transmission line; an</li> </ul>	Section 5.2.1,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing of trees.</li> </ul>	Section 5.2.6, 5.16.1,

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Further detail regarding these components and associated activities, will be provided in the EIS/EA, and future environmental approval applications as appropriate.	Section 5, 11
<b>4.2 Project Phases</b>	
FMG is committed to refining the phases and schedule during the EA process, if required.	Section 5.18
The guiding principles that have been developed to date to shape the future of the Project are summarized below.	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize direct footprint;</li> <li>• Proactively and collaboratively identify values (e.g., biophysical and socio-cultural) as well as special sites and adopt a progressive, transparent approach to site planning that avoids or minimizes impacts to these areas to the extent reasonable;</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a precautionary approach to development that utilizes best available technology that is economically achievable to reduce potential environment, health, and safety risks;</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize freshwater consumption, manage contact water, maximize water recycling, and minimize effluent discharge as reasonable;</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare an adaptive strategy to manage potential environmental effects that may be identified through ongoing monitoring and consultation programs that are carried out during the life of the Project;</li> </ul>	Section 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve a net overall economic benefit to the region, taking into consideration the potential adverse environmental effects that would be minimized through mitigation measures;</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local Indigenous communities to understand and address concerns and identify opportunities to participate in the Project.</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design for closure.</li> </ul>	Section 1.6
FMG anticipates a perimeter storm water and seepage collection system (diversion ditches, sumps, and ponds) will be established to manage contact surface water in accordance with MDMER requirements. A more comprehensive design for the site wide system will be presented in the EIS/EA. Effectiveness monitoring will be identified and committed to in the EIS/EA.	Section 5.6, 5.3.7, 5.11.3
The closure phase is anticipated to include an active closure phase and a post closure maintenance / monitoring phase following a timeframe to be described in the EIS/EA and subsequent environmental approvals.	Section 5.3.6, 5.3.7, 12
A description of conceptual closure strategy will be provided with EIS/EA and will include both progressive and final rehabilitation measures. Where available, feedback gained through ongoing consultation and engagement activities will be incorporated into the conceptual closure during permitting.	Section 5.19

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<b>4.3 Rationale for the Undertaking</b>	
FMG recognizes and expects that the preliminary design of the Undertaking described in the ToR may evolve during the preparation of the EIS/EA, including through the assessment of potential alternatives and ongoing consultation and engagement activities.	Section 1
<b>5 DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE FOR ALTERNATIVES</b>	
<b>5.1 Alternatives Assessment and Evaluation Methodology</b>	
The assessment of alternatives methods will be carried out to identify and evaluate potential environmental effects, advantages, and disadvantages of each alternative method of carrying out the Project, including measures to mitigate potential adverse effects and net effects. A comparative evaluation of a reasonable range of alternative methods will be conducted, and the advantages and disadvantages of each method will be assessed within the environmental assessment based on performance objectives, evaluation criteria and indicators, to define the preferred alternative.	Section 4 Table 4.1-1  Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Section 2.6.3 Consultation with Municipal Governments Section 2.6.4 Consultation with Public Stakeholders Section 2.8 Comments Tables Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
Performance objectives are meaningful attributes that are essential for the Undertaking success, and provide a basis for distinguishing between individual alternatives. The following performance objectives (or a subset thereof, as appropriate, for any given alternative) will be used in the evaluations of alternatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost-effectiveness;</li> <li>• Technical applicability and/or system integrity and reliability;</li> <li>• Ability to service the site effectively;</li> <li>• Potential effects to the physical and biological environments;</li> </ul>	Section 4.2 Table 4.1-3

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential effects to the human environment, including Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, cultural heritage resources (including archaeological, built heritage and cultural heritage landscape resources) and traditional land use; and</li> <li>• Amenability to reclamation.</li> </ul>	
<p>For each performance objectives, a series of evaluation criteria will be selected to better describe and assess each alternative. Consideration will also be given to potential benefits in the evaluation of the alternatives.</p>	<p>Section 4.2 Table 4.1-5</p>
<p>These preliminary criteria and indicators presented in this ToR will be refined/modified through the EA process, following further analysis and to incorporate input from government agencies (including MECP), the various stakeholders and Indigenous communities. First Mining Gold Corp. will describe in its summary of consultations how comments and concerns were considered and, in the event that input is not incorporated in the EA process, First Mining Gold Corp. will provide justification for its decision.</p>	<p>Sections 2, 4.3 Appendix C, D</p>
<p>Potential data sources for the assessment of alternatives indicators are provided below. Further data sources will be added during EA development with justification, if it is determined in consultation with government agencies that they are required to adequately assess the alternative methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline studies carried out for the Undertaking;</li> <li>• Existing and updated / future engineering studies;</li> <li>• Expert knowledge from specialists, including engineers and scientists involved with other similar projects;</li> <li>• Provincial and federal guidelines, reports, websites and other similar sources;</li> <li>• Statistic Canada Census and non-statistical data;</li> <li>• Property owners, business owners, municipal agencies, tourism associations and other</li> <li>• Stakeholders; and</li> <li>• Indigenous communities.</li> </ul>	<p>Appendices C, G to S</p>
<p>The assessment of alternatives within the EA will also consider potential positive effects.</p>	<p>Section 4.1</p>
<p>The EA will also consider an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking and the alternatives methods of the undertaking, as required by the EAA.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 Table 4.1-1</p>
<p>Consideration of each alternative method will be evaluated after potential impacts have been determined and mitigation measures have been applied. Identifying any requirements associated with effectively managing the key components will be considered during the evaluation of alternative methods.</p>	<p>Section 4</p>

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<p>A comparative methodology will be applied at a sufficient level of detail to identify advantages and disadvantages of each alternative method. The potential effects associated with each alternative method will be compared to establish the relative advantages and disadvantages of each option.</p>	<p>Section 4.1</p>
<p>The results will be recorded in a summary table and conclusions for each criterion will be established based on the advantages and disadvantages of the alternative methods. The preferred alternative method will be the one with the preferred balance of advantages and disadvantages. The summary table will include a clear rationale for the conclusions and decisions made regarding the selection of preferred alternatives. The evaluation process will be clear, logical and traceable, allowing anyone reviewing the EA to come to the same conclusions without any additional assumptions.</p>	<p>Section 4 Table 4.31-1</p>
<p><b>5.2 Alternative Methods for the Undertaking</b></p>	
<p>The EIS/EA will identify and assess alternatives for major components of the proposed Undertaking such that the justifications for the preferred option / approaches are clearly presented. A reasonable range of alternative methods will be considered during the EA process, and viable alternatives will be brought forward for assessment in the EIS/EA. FMG will explore reasonable alternative methods to ensure project options are not limited in the event of an unforeseen change in plan.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 Table 4.1-1</p>
<p>The assessment of alternatives will be carried out at a level sufficient to distinguish the relative merits of the different alternatives methods. A comparative evaluation of feasible alternative methods will be conducted. The advantages and disadvantages of each method will be assessed within the EA based on a series of performance objectives, evaluation criteria and indicators, to define the preferred alternative based on a reasoned process and presented in the EIS/EA along with supporting rationale.</p>	<p>Section 4.1, 4.3 Table 4.1-2</p>
<p>There is the potential that other alternatives may arise through ongoing engineering studies, or the EA process and related consultation / engagement activities. FMG will prepare the EA in accordance with Sections 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EAA.</p>	<p>Section 4.1, 4.2</p>
<p>In its environmental assessment, First Mining Gold Corp. will identify and assess a "do nothing" alternative. The "do nothing" alternative will be considered in the context of a benchmark against which the potential effects of alternative methods will be evaluated and compared to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives. The "do nothing" alternative will also be compared against the project to assess the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred undertaking.</p>	<p>Section 4</p>
<p>In terms of access roads, two preliminary alternatives for a winter operational access road were studied in 2014, including a western corridor and an eastern corridor. Additional alternatives for road access (from the Birch River</p>	<p>Section 4.19 Table 4.19-2</p>

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<p>crossing to the mine site) may be identified within the study area through ongoing consultation and engagement activities. Alternatives will be assessed during the EA process and included in the EIS/EA.</p>	
<p>Additional mine water treatment alternatives (including a water treatment plant) will be assessed during the EA process, and will ensure adequate retention times and treatment is available.</p>	<p>Section 4.14 Table 4.14-1</p>
<p>FMG will consider on-site mine water management over the life of the mine to determine the preferred alternative in due consideration of the site water balance and hydrological modelling for inclusion in the EIS/EA.</p>	<p>Section 4.14, 5.12 Appendix M-2</p>
<p>Quantitative evidence on how mine rock will be used and managed to avoid potential effects associated with ML/ARD, including identification of feasible mitigation measures, will be considered during the EA process. Further considerations include the development of a conceptual approach for mine rock management to be included in the EIS/EA.</p>	<p>Section 5.8 Appendices E, K</p>
<p>FMG will assess alternative methods for management of overburden and mine rock that will not be utilized for construction activities, and will assess feasible alternatives in the EIS/EA. If needed based on the preferred alternatives selected, FMG will conduct a detailed alternative assessment, as required by the MDMER for overprinting of waters frequented by fish in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Government of Canada 2016).</p>	<p>Sections 4.5, 4.7, 4.9 Tables 4.5-1, 4.7-1, 4.9-2 Appendix E</p>
<p>A reasonable range of alternative methods for ore processing will be considered and assessed in the environmental assessment, including alternatives for on-site and off-site ore processing facilities</p>	<p>Section 4.10, 4.11</p>
<p>Process effluent and tailings are by-products of gold processing, which may contain residual reagents and will require further treatment. FMG will consider and assess a reasonable range of potential treatment methods for the process effluent during the EA process.</p>	<p>Section 4.14 Table 4.14-1</p>
<p>A reasonable range of alternatives for the TMF location as well as tailing management alternatives will be assessed during the EA process and detailed in the EIS/EA. Optimization of the selected siting areas / management methodology will be conducted in parallel to the EA process in response to the needs of the Undertaking as well as feedback gathered during consultation during the EA process.</p>	<p>Sections 4.6, 4.8, 4.9 Tables 4.6-1, 4.8-1, 4.9-1</p>
<p>Alternative water supply sources that will be considered in the EIS/EA include groundwater, alternative surface water sources, and a combination of open pit mine water and surface water sources.</p>	<p>Section 4.15 Table 4.15-1</p>
<p>The assessment of alternatives to treat waste water prior to discharge to the environment will be considered during the EA process. Such discharge will meet applicable federal and provincial effluent discharge requirements.</p>	<p>Sections 4.14, 4.17 Tables 4.14-1, 4.17-1</p>

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FMG will propose effluent limits that are receiver based and consider the sensitivity of the receiver, available assimilative capacity of the receiver and baseline water quality, and be consistent with the MECP Deriving Receiving Water Based Point Source Effluent Requirements for Ontario Waters. A detailed evaluation of alternative discharge points and configurations will be undertaken as part of the EA process. Consideration will be given to minimizing erosion, maximizing mixing, minimizing the extent of the mixing zone (MOE 1994), as well as the risk of chemo-stratification and potential changes to the photic zone. Preliminary discharge location(s) may change as more information is developed through the EA process.	
Alternative locations for the process plant will be assessed during the EA process to ensure it is in line with the technical, environmental, social and economic attributes. For each alternative location for the process plant, related infrastructure will be oriented to support the process plant.	Section 4.13
Workers will need to be accommodated during the construction and operation phases. Options for worker accommodations, may include an on-site construction camp and/or a single camp facility for both the construction and the operation phases. These and other reasonable alternatives will be assessed in the EIS/EA.	Section 4.20
The positioning of the explosives facilities is prescribed by the NSC CAN/BNQ 2910-510 Explosives – Quantity Distances and is dependent in part on the location of other site facilities. Manufacturing, storage and handling of explosives is highly regulated. For these reasons, limited practical alternatives are available, but they will be assessed during the EA process.	Section 4.26 Table 4.26-1
Non-hazardous solid waste will be produced during the Undertaking and will require reuse, recycling or disposal. A range of reasonable alternative methods will be considered for the predicted waste streams and volumes and evaluated in the EIS/EA.	Section 4.23 Table 4.23-1
Hydrocarbon contaminated soils could potentially be remediated on-site using approved methodologies which have demonstrated effectiveness. A range of reasonable alternatives will be considered during the EA process and presented in the EIS/EA.	Section 4.23
A reasonable range of alternatives for the domestic sewage treatment will be identified and assessed in the EIS/EA. Regardless, FMG will design the treatment system and obtain the necessary permits in accordance with provincial requirements.	Section 4.22 Table 4.22-1
It may therefore be necessary to investigate and develop additional aggregate source(s); therefore, alternative aggregate supply sources will be identified and assessed during the EA process and could include the following options alone or in combination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine rock;</li> <li>• Dedicated aggregate pits; and/or</li> </ul>	Section 4.27 Table 4.27-1

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial aggregate pits that may be in the vicinity, such as located along the Wenesaga Road.</li> </ul>	
Consideration of these alternative sources will allow for operation flexibility in terms of timing availability and quality of materials.	Section 4.27
Should aggregate pit(s) be developed under the care and control of FMG, appropriate approvals will be obtained, and the EIS/EA will consider potential environmental impacts associated with proposed aggregate extraction, including identification of feasible mitigation measures.	Section 6, 11
A reasonable range of power supply alternative methods will be considered and assessed in the environmental assessment, including alternatives for transmission line corridors and routings if grid power is selected as a preferred power supply. FMG will consider carbon and greenhouse gas emissions when assessing alternatives during the EA process, as appropriate.	Section 4.24 Table 4.24-1
Temporary use of the winter operational access road may be considered in the EA to facilitate early construction, it would not prevent FMG's current use of winter road access for exploration-related purposes.	Section 5.17
For each access road and alignment alternative, First Mining Gold Corp. will assess proposed aggregate sources, as well as any aggregate source alternatives and the potential environmental effects of extracting and transporting aggregate from any source. The assessment will include the consideration of the duration and frequency of the use of the access alternatives. Options to avoid impacts to species at risk and species at risk habitat shall be considered.	Sections 4.19, 4.27 Tables 4.19-1, 4.27-1 Appendix T
The EIS/EA will include an assessment of reasonable closure alternatives for the Undertaking.	Sections 4.28 to 4.29, 4.30
The EIS/EA will assess alternative closure methods consistent with provincial regulatory requirements, and may consider the following components / alternatives and others as appropriate:	Section 4.28 Table 4.28-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open pit mine (natural filling and enhanced filling);</li> </ul>	Section 4.28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water management system (leave in place, partial or full removal);</li> </ul>	Section 4.28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stockpiles (stabilization and covering / revegetation, use in backfill and engineered covers);</li> </ul>	Section 4.29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TMF (permanent water fill, covering and revegetation);</li> </ul>	Section 4.28 Table 4.28-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings and linear infrastructure (decommission and rehabilitate or maintain select structures to support post-closure monitoring); and</li> </ul>	Section 4.30 Table 4.30-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage channels (stabilize and leave in place or removal).</li> </ul>	Section 4.28

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada in order to define a base case that will be acceptable to <i>Fisheries Act</i> policies. A reasonable range of alternatives for fish habitat offsetting / compensation options will be identified and assessed in the EIS/EA.	Section 4.28 Appendix F
<b>6 DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENT</b>	
The description of the existing environment is a summary based primarily on studies that have been undertaken or are on-going as part of environmental baseline work. These studies are preliminary and will require a data gap analysis upon acceptance of the ToR and commencement of the EA process. A list of the baseline studies which have been used to inform the description of the environment are provided in Appendix G. Baseline data collection is ongoing. A more detailed description of the existing environment will be provided in the EIS/EA. The description of the environment is provided for the natural, social, economic, cultural and built environments. FMG intends to use or may potentially use other existing studies to supplement the description of natural, social, economic, cultural and built environments during the EA process.	Section 3.3, 6 Appendices G to S
<b>6.1 Overview and Study Areas</b>	
For the EIS/EA, three spatial extents have been identified on a preliminary basis, as follows, to be used in assessing the potential effects of the Undertaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine Site Development Area (MSDA): Encompasses the anticipated footprint of the Undertaking and includes but is not limited to, the process plant, shops and other buildings, TMF, MRSAs, ore stockpile and crusher, open pit, access, haul roads and other supporting infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Section 6.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Study Areas (LSA): This study area extends beyond the MSDA and was defined at a preliminary level by applying a 10 km buffer around the anticipated footprint. The LSA will be further defined in the EIS/EA, and will be ecologically relevant to the valued component being assessed.</li> </ul>	Section 6.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Study Areas (RSA): The RSA will extend beyond the LSA to include the maximum geographical extent in which impacts from the Undertaking are anticipated to be identifiable. From a socioeconomic perspective, the maximum extent of this area would include identified communities potentially affected by the Undertaking and from a biophysical perspective the maximum extent would be largely defined by caribou. However, the study areas are preliminary and may be subject to change during the EA process.</li> </ul>	Section 6.1
<b>6.2 General Site Description and Current Land Use</b>	
Baseline environmental work has been ongoing for the proposed Undertaking since 2011. Further details and copies of reports will be included with the EIS/EA as supporting documentation.	Section 3.2.1 Appendices G to S
The Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line project has finalized their EA. Cat Lake First Nation and Slate Falls Nation prepared a joint land use plan in 2011 with support from MNR (Cat Lake First Nation et al. 2011).	Sections 3.1, 3.2.2, 6.21, 6.23

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The Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties, as per Ontario Regulation 157/10, will set out the criteria and process for identifying provincial heritage properties and set the standards for their protection, maintenance, use and disposal.	
Some information of cultural significance has been identified through preliminary consultation, however, information on traditional lands and sites of cultural significance will be updated through the Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK/TLU) study and will include direct consultation with Indigenous communities or designated Land Use Planning Committees. As appropriate, this information will be used to support the preparation of the EIS/EA, and will be detailed only in accordance with any agreements with knowledge holders.	Sections 3.1, 3.2.2, 6.21
<b>6.3 Description of the Natural Environment</b>	
Additional programs may be developed depending on the results of the ongoing work. Characterization of mine rock, pit walls, ore and ore stockpiles, and tailings for ARD/ML will be detailed in the EIS/EA.	Section 5 Appendix K
There are no historic records for air quality in the area immediately surrounding the Springpole site. As part of the EA process and baseline data collection program, the need for these site-specific surveys will be addressed. These data, if collected, will be included in the EIS/EA submission(s) to regulatory agencies.	Section 3.4.2, 6.2 Appendix G
<p>Baseline air quality can be conservatively estimated at the Project using existing monitoring stations found in Thunder Bay; however, air quality data from the existing monitoring station in Thunder Bay may not be representative of background levels for the study area. Baseline air quality for the Project will be appropriate and representative for the study area and surrounding region and will be estimated using on-site air monitoring program. Additionally, FMG is completing atmospheric studies that will determine concentrations of air quality parameters in the local study area; this data may be used for air dispersion modelling and will be included in the EIS/EA as appropriate. FMG will consult MECP regarding the proposed ambient air monitoring program. An on-site ambient air monitoring program is anticipated to be conducted to measure the following parameters or similar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Suspended Particulate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Particulate less than 2.5 microns (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)</li> <li>○ Particulate less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>)</li> <li>○ Metals;</li> <li>○ Diesel particulate matter;</li> <li>○ Carbon monoxide;</li> <li>○ Sulphur oxide;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Section 6.2 Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Section 2.6.2.3 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks</p> <p>Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Government Agencies RoC</p> <p>Appendix G</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nitrogen oxides; and</li> <li>○ Volatile organic compounds.</li> </ul>	
<p>Baseline air quality studies are being carried out in support of the EA. Additional air quality studies may be completed to supplement programs in 2021, based on the extensive experience of our technical experts with other mining projects. Where necessary, FMG will engage with regulatory agencies on these additional studies. Supporting technical documents will be provided with the EIS/EA and include a description of the baseline methodology, results of the studies and will be used to assess and/or verify the potential impacts of the project.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.2, 6.2 Appendix G</p>
<p>The Undertaking is located in a remote area of northwestern Ontario far from typical anthropogenic noise, vibration and light sources. Studies are underway to measure baseline noise, vibration and light characteristics. The baseline data gathered will characterize baseline conditions and support prediction of environmental effects for the Undertaking. The information collected will be reported in the EIS/EA, and utilized to assess potential environmental effects of the Undertaking.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H</p>
<p>The following noise study tools will be considered to further describe the environment in the EIS/EA as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Limits: compliance with the MECP noise limits, such as in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Publication NPC-115, Construction Equipment</li> <li>○ Publication NPC-118, Motorized Conveyances</li> <li>○ Publication NPC-300, Environmental Noise Guideline, Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning, Publication NPC-300, August, 2013;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Sections 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Screening: as appropriate will be prepared in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Primary Noise Screening Method Guide, <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/primary-noisescreening-method-guide">https://www.ontario.ca/page/primary-noisescreening-method-guide</a></li> <li>○ Secondary Noise Screening Method Guide, <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/secondarynoise-screening-method-guide">https://www.ontario.ca/page/secondarynoise-screening-method-guide</a>; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Sections 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Reports: will be prepared in accordance as relevant with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Publication NPC-233, Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound, October, 1995</li> <li>○ Basic Comprehensive Certificates of Approval (Air), User Guide, Appendix A – Supporting Information for an Acoustic Assessment Report or Vibration Assessment Report Required by a Basic Comprehensive C of A prepared by the EAB, Version 2.1, April 2011</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Sections 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H</p>

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<p>Noise evaluation of the undertaking will consider all significant noise sources, both existing and proposed, from the proposed operation and construction of the facility under assessment as described in the Project Description (Section 4.1). In its environmental assessment, First Mining Gold Corp. will assess and include potential off-site noise sources associated with the undertaking as described in the ToR including, but not limited to, proposed access routes and transmission lines.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H-3</p>
<p>The following vibrational study items will be considered when preparing the EIS/EA as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vibration Limits: such as the MECP vibration limits in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft technical publication NPC-207, Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings, November, 1983, supplementing the Model Municipal Noise Control By-Law, Final Report, August 1978, as amended; and</li> <li>○ Publication NPC-119, Blasting, Model Municipal Noise Control By-Law, Final Report, August 1978.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Section 3.4.3, 6.3 Appendix H-4</p>
<p>Light assessment and mitigation will be completed during the EA process and included in the EIS/EA.</p>	<p>Appendix J</p>
<p>Additional sediment quality sampling and analysis (e.g., total metals, particle size and total organic carbon content) for key sites likely to receive mine effluents will be assessed during the EA process. Collection in the vicinity of the proposed effluent discharge location will follow the sampling methodologies outlined in the Metal Mining Technical Guidance for Environmental Effects Monitoring document (Environment Canada 2012).</p>	<p>Section 3.4.8 Appendix O</p>
<p>The on-site hydrology data will be compared to the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) hydrometric station located at WSC Station 04GA002 (Cat River below Wesleyan Lake), approximately 55 km southeast of the Project Site. This station provides a long-term data record that can be utilized to produce synthetic data for the Undertaking. The applicability of this WSC Station, or a suitable alternative, to the Undertaking will be rationalized in the EIS/EA.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.1, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 Appendix M-1</p>
<p>Hydrological data collection is planned to continue into 2020 to further establish baseline hydrological conditions in areas potentially impacted by the Undertaking. A water balance modelling and effects assessment plan will be developed to estimate effects of the Undertaking on watercourses and will be included in the EIS/EA.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.6, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 Appendices M-2, M-3</p>
<p>Baseline hydrology studies have been carried out in support of the EA. Additional hydrology studies may be completed to supplement programs in 2021, based on the extensive experience of our technical experts with other mining projects. Where necessary, FMG will engage with regulatory agencies on these additional studies. Supporting technical documents will be provided with the EIS/EA and include a description of the baseline methodology, results of the studies and will be used to assess and/or verify the potential impacts of the project.</p>	<p>Section 3.4.6 Appendices M, W</p>
<p>Long-term sampling and data collection began in winter 2011 and have consistently continued at the same surface water locations to date. Supporting documentation regarding the water program will be provided in the EIS/EA. Such information as sampling methodologies, surface water sampling locations, analytical results and will be provided.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.7, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 Appendix N-1</p>

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<p>Baseline studies are being developed to inform the EA process on soil type, mineralogy, geochemistry, gradation, hydraulic characteristics (e.g., water level, conductivity, gradient, flow direction, flow velocity, seasonal fluctuations), for all areas of the proposed Undertaking. From experience in other areas of the Canadian Shield, bedrock is typically scoured with deposits of glacial till varying in thickness from 1 m up to 10 m in pockets. Soft lake sediments may vary in thickness between 1 m to 10 m.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4.4, 3.4.6 Appendix L</p>
<p>Additional field work may be completed to assess the heterogeneity and anisotropy and to help inform the hydrogeological modelling work in support of the EIS/EA and future environmental approvals. FMG will develop programs to predict pit water quality for the LOM, closure and post-closure and assess pit filling in terms of associated environmental effects, and mitigation measures. Additional components of the program that will be considered to provide further description of the environment may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimation of the zone of influence of the proposed water takings, with predicted impact to surface water features and/or groundwater users;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 6.5 Appendix L</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prediction of seepage water quality to assess potential impacts to receivers from the proposed mine facilities;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 6.5 Appendix L</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modelling of scenarios based on upper and lower boundary scenarios for filling the open pits;</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix L-2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensitivity analysis for operations, closure and post-closure phases; and</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix L-2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for impact via subsurface transport.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 6.5 Appendix L-2</p>
<p>A technical hydrogeological report by a subject matter expert will be included as supporting documentation in the EA. The report will detail but not be limited to methodologies, groundwater sampling locations, analytical results, frequency and water quality modelling including sensitivity analysis for operations, closure and post-closure phases.</p> <p>Prediction of groundwater flow paths, seepage rates, potential receptors, subsurface travel times, etc. is anticipated to be provided in the EIS/EA and its supporting documentation</p>	<p>Section 6.5 Appendix L</p>
<p>Additional groundwater monitoring wells will be installed in 2020 as part of the baseline groundwater monitoring program. It is expected that the groundwater monitoring program will evolve during the EA process as preferred alternatives are defined and groundwater will be collected up-gradient, cross-gradient, down-gradient, from all relevant facilities, including potential seepage areas and areas where there is potential for groundwater-surface water interaction. Also, groundwater monitoring wells will be installed at the potential compliance points and within the footprint of the planned operation with an aim of having most wells remain in-place during all phases of the Project.</p>	<p>Section 6.5 Appendices D, L</p>

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FMG will update its monitoring program to include other criteria and guidelines to ensure that baseline groundwater quality studies provide adequate information. Results will be compared against such criteria and guidelines as the following, recognizing that they do not apply to the baseline groundwater condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODWS (Ontario Regulation 169/03); and</li> </ul>	Section 6.5 Appendix L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guideline B-7, Incorporation of the reasonable use concept into MOEE groundwater management activities.</li> </ul>	Section 6.5 Appendix L
Baseline hydrogeology studies have been carried out in support of the EA. Additional hydrogeology studies may be completed to supplement programs in 2021, based on the extensive experience of our technical experts with other mining projects. Where necessary, FMG will engage with regulatory agencies on these additional studies. Supporting technical documents will be provided with the EIS/EA and include a description of the baseline methodology, results of the studies and will be used to assess and/or verify the potential impacts of the project. Groundwater sampling methodologies, sampling locations and results of groundwater quality analyses will be provided in the EIS/EA and its supporting documentation.	Sections 3.4.5, 6.5 Appendices L, W
The small waterbodies presented are preliminary and additional waterbodies in the study area available for critical mine infrastructure will be assessed as part of the EA.	Sections 3.4.7, 6.6 to 6.9 Appendices M, N
Aquatic SAR have not been identified in the study area. As stated above, the study area for Lake Sturgeon consisted of Springpole Lake and sections of the Birch River, extending upstream from Springpole Lake to the outflow of Satterly Lake and downstream to the entrance of Gull Lake. There were zero catches of Lake Sturgeon and all baseline studies and reports for the aquatic environment will be appended and included in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.8, 6.10 Appendix O
During the environmental assessment, First Mining Gold Corp. will conduct the appropriate studies to determine the availability and viability of proposed avoidance and mitigation strategies to address any potential impacts to fisheries including studies beyond the boundary of the northern basin of Springpole Lake.	Sections 3.4.8, 6.10 Appendices F, O
As precursor to an Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program, it is important to develop a general knowledge of ambient contaminant levels in the environment prior to mine development. One of the parameters of concern in the environment is mercury, due in large part to human health concerns when fish with elevated mercury levels are consumed. Additional parameters that were analyzed in fish tissue included arsenic, lead and selenium. The results of monitoring of metal content in fish tissue will be presented in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.8, 6.10 Appendix O
Desktop and field baseline work has been ongoing in the local area since 2011. Study areas will be further rationalized during the EA process and any data gaps will be filled. Baseline studies were completed (DST 2012, 2013; KBM 2019) and summarized all the terrestrial work done to 2019, and all of these will be appended in the EIS/EA as part of the terrestrial technical report. It is anticipated that additional baseline studies will be completed	Sections 3.4.9, 3.4.10, 6.11 to 6.16 Appendix P

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during the preparation of the EIS/EA to expand on the existing information base, and will include additional information collected in response to comments received during 2020.	
FMG will provide additional information in the EIS/EA for each SAR that have the potential to occur in the area of the Project, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific name;</li> <li>• Common name;</li> <li>• Species Status under Species at Risk Act (SARA; federal);</li> <li>• Species Status under Endangered Species Act (ESA; provincial);</li> <li>• Conservation Ranking (i.e., N-Rank, S-Rank); and</li> <li>• Information Source(s) used to identify potential occurrence within the area of the Undertaking.</li> </ul>	Sections 3.4.9, 3.4.10, 6.11 to 6.16 Appendix P
FMG understands that relevant metrics and evaluators for SAR should be considered in order to fully assess potential effects. FMG will include a complete list of appropriate indicators for these species identified, including Caribou (Boreal population), and this information will be provided in the EIS/EA.	Sections 6.13 to 6.16 Appendix P
Baseline programs to assess SAR will be carried out to support the conclusions in the EIS/EA. This program will evolve over time based on the input received from regulatory agencies during the EA process. Additional studies may be completed to supplement programs in 2021, based on the extensive experience of our technical experts with other mining projects. Where necessary, FMG will engage with regulatory agencies on these additional studies. Technical support documents that will be included in the EIS/EA with a description of the study methodology, and results that will be used to assess the potential impacts of the Project.	Sections 3.4.9, 3.4.10, 6.13 to 6.16 Appendices C, D, P
Current and additional baselines studies will be appended in the EIS/EA as supporting documentation. These studies will include but not be limited to information on survey methodologies, dates, and extent related to SAR.	Appendix P
During studies, it was found that there is potential suitable habitat locally; however, no Whip-poor-wills were found during any of the surveys to date. Additional studies were done in 2019 and the results will be included in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.9, 3.4.10, 6.16 Appendix P
General habitat will be identified and quantified as described in <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/eastern-whip-poor-will-general-habitat-description">https://www.ontario.ca/page/eastern-whip-poor-will-general-habitat-description</a> , and will be included in the EIS/EA.	Section 6.16 Appendix P
The likelihood of encountering bat hibernacula locally was assessed through a desktop mapping exercise. The results of the mapping were then reviewed by several people with expert knowledge of the local area as a means of refining the accuracy of the exercise. As a result, there is potential suitable habitat and they occur along the north shore of Springpole Arm (where no activities are proposed for the Undertaking). The details and results of the study will be included and appended in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.10, 6.15 Appendix P

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The subrange habitat features will be updated to reflect the current habitat conditions based on “The Mapping Product for Caribou General Habitat Description provided by MNR in 2018”, and will be included in the EIS/EA. FMG understands that where impacts cannot be avoided, an ESA authorization will be required.	Sections 3.4.10, 6.13 Appendix P
<b>6.6 Description of the Cultural Environment</b>	
Archaeological work is ongoing for the Project with additional Stage 2 – 4 assessments on archaeological resources having been identified for completion in advance of development which will be considered during the EA process as appropriate. Indigenous communities will be invited to participate in future studies.	Sections 3.4.15, 6.22 Appendices S-1, S-2, S-3
A cultural heritage report, including existing conditions and preliminary impact assessment, will be undertaken for the entire study area during the planning phase to inform the EA process and will be summarized in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.16, 6.23 Appendices S-4, S-5
<b>6.7 Description of the Built Environment</b>	
A cultural heritage report including built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes will be completed during the planning phase to inform the EA process and will be summarized in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3.4.16, 6.23 Appendices S-4, S-5
<b>6.8 Ongoing and Future Studies</b>	
Baseline studies and technical data reports are currently underway. A more detailed description of the environment will be provided in the EIS/EA.	Sections 3, 6 Appendices G - S
Reviewing of reports will be available to all communities during ongoing consultation as part of the EA process or upon request for review by members of Communities of Interest.	Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
Additional studies may be identified during the course of the environmental assessment process through consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons; if additional studies are required through consultation with MECP, these studies will be used to further inform the environmental assessment.	Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Sections on Baseline Studies Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation

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<p>Baseline study methods will be circulated for review and comment to government and Indigenous communities. Opportunities to review and provide input on the programs and results will be provided during the environmental assessment, which will be considered going forward as on-going fieldwork programs are refined into monitoring programs</p>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Baseline Studies Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Sections on Baseline Studies Section 2.6.3 Consultation with Municipal Governments Sections on Baseline Studies Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation</p>
<p>Given the current limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, different approaches to consulting throughout the EA process may need to be considered by FMG, if this is of interest to communities. FMG will continue to discuss opportunities to consult with Indigenous communities during the EA process as the pandemic vaccination process advances. These opportunities will be dependent upon the capacity and interest of the Indigenous community and may include sharing baseline reports, criteria / indicators, preliminary alternative assessments, preliminary Technical Support Documents, or portions of the EIS/EA. First Mining Gold Corp. will prepare a draft EIS/EA report including supporting studies for review by interested persons, Indigenous communities and the government review team. The draft EIS/EA report will be circulated for a comment period lasting a minimum of six weeks. Notice of the comment period on the draft EIS/EA report will be provided. Comments will be considered and responses demonstrating how comments/concerns would be addressed in the final EIS/EA will be provided by First Mining Gold Corp. prior to submission of the final environmental assessment.</p>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Sections on Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment. Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation</p>
<p>Technical support documents will be provided with the EIS/EA and include a description of the baseline methodology, results of the studies and will be used to assess and/or verify the potential impacts of the project. The resulting technical support documents developed for the EIS/EA are anticipated to address the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmospheric Environment;</li> </ul>	<p>Appendices G to J</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrestrial Environment, including vegetation and wildlife;</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix P</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Environment, including fish and aquatic habitat;</li> </ul>	Appendix O
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAR;</li> </ul>	Appendix P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geochemistry (ARD/ML);</li> </ul>	Sections 5.7, 5.9 Appendix K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundwater;</li> </ul>	Appendix L-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Water;</li> </ul>	Appendices M-1, N-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socioeconomic Conditions;</li> </ul>	Appendix Q
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TK/TLU;</li> </ul>	Sections 3.4.15, 6.21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeology; and</li> </ul>	Appendices S-1- S-5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage Resources</li> </ul>	Appendices S-6, - S.11
<b>7 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>	
<b>7.1 Effects Assessment Approach</b>	
<p>The effects assessment methodology is summarized briefly below, subject to revision and clarification in the EIS/EA as needed. FMG propose a stepwise approach to assessing the potential effects of the Undertaking on the environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Valued Components (VCs) for each discipline with full consideration for consultation to date;</li> </ul>	Section 6.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify spatial and temporal boundaries for the Effects Assessment as needed;</li> </ul>	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential interactions (effects) between the Undertaking and each VC during each project development phase (construction, operation and closure);</li> </ul>	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential effects;</li> </ul>	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and assess the significance of net effects;</li> </ul>	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and assess the significance of potential cumulative effects; and</li> </ul>	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify monitoring approaches for adverse effects.</li> </ul>	Section 12
<p>The EA will focus on the assessment of potential adverse environmental effects of the Undertaking on the identified VCs. VCs are components of the environment associated with the Undertaking that are of special value or interest to Indigenous communities, regulatory agencies, the Proponent, stakeholders, and/or the public. FMG understands the definition of the environment in Ontario's EAA includes the natural, social, economic, cultural, and built environments. The EA must consider the environment in this context to meet the requirements of the EAA.</p>	Section 6

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During the EA process, potential adverse environmental effects to these VCs will be described for each phase of the Undertaking. Further refinement of the VCs may occur during the EA process and this evolution will be presented in the EIS/EA, as appropriate.	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
Spatial boundaries are required to focus the effects assessment. These areas may be revised or otherwise further clarified within the EIS/EA and a rationale will be provided for the boundaries established. The temporal boundaries are defined based on the timing and duration of the Undertaking phases, which are anticipated to be further defined in the EIS/EA as engineering studies progress.	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
FMG understands that each criterion should have one or more indicators that will identify how the potential environmental effects that will be measured for each criterion. The indicators can be qualitative or quantitative in nature. Criteria and indicators for the assessment of effects will be further developed, based on input received to be documented in the EIS/EA.	Sections 6.2 to 6.26
<b>7.2 Cumulative Effects Assessment</b>	
As stated in the ToR Code of Practice, proponents are encouraged to carry out qualitative assessments of potential cumulative impacts. To support effective coordination, technical guidance issued by the Agency, Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, will be used to guide the cumulative effects assessment for the EIS/EA.	Section 7
Future foreseeable projects include known activities that will be carried out, based on current knowledge, such as new projects that have embarked on a formal approval process (e.g., documentation or applications for permits or regulatory approvals have been submitted or a Project Description has been formally released). The study area(s) for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined in the EIS/EA, and may not align with other defined study areas for the Undertaking.	Section 7
<b>7.3 Other Effects to be Considered</b>	
Climate change will be considered during the EIS/EA. FMG will consider the MECP guidance document Considering Climate Change in the Environmental Assessment Process in preparation of the EIS/EA. The guide considers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts of a project on climate change;</li> </ul>	Sections 3.4.1, 8 Appendix M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts of climate change on a project; and</li> </ul>	Section 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various means of identifying and minimizing negative impacts during project implementation.</li> </ul>	Section 8
The potential effects of the environment (i.e., natural hazards) on the Undertaking will also be addressed in the EIS/EA as required by both governments. A summary of the measures that will be implemented to minimize these potential effects on the Undertaking will be provided.	Section 8

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As per the federal requirements as defined by the EIS Guidelines, the EIS/EA will also consider the potential effects of accidents and malfunctions that could arise from the Undertaking on the environment.	Section 9
<b>7.4 Preliminary Description of Potential Effects</b>	
MOE (2014b) suggests that the Proponent may include a preliminary list of potential environmental effects in the proposed ToR, recognizing that the actual determination of effects and mitigation measures will be assessed and described in the EIS/EA. These preliminary environmental effects have been considered in the provincial context and without the application of mitigation measures to avoid or minimize effects which will be included in the EIS/EA.	Section 6
<b>8 COMMITMENTS, MONITORING, AND FOLLOW-UP</b>	
<b>8.1 Commitments</b>	
EIS/EA will include a comprehensive record of commitments made by FMG during consultation activities, and where or how they have been dealt with during the EA process. The EIS/EA will also include a comprehensive record of commitments made by FMG during the preparation of the EIS/EA, such as relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact management / mitigation measures;</li> </ul>	Section 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional works and studies to be carried out during various phases of the Project;</li> </ul>	Section 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental monitoring;</li> </ul>	Section 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public consultation;</li> </ul>	Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.3 Public Stakeholders Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.3 Public Stakeholders Section 2.6.4 Consultation with Public Stakeholders Section 2.8.4 Comments, Questions and Responses from Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Public Stakeholders RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contingency planning; and</li> </ul>	Section 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation and correspondence.</li> </ul>	Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation

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An Environmental Management Plan and a Social Management Plan will be developed as an outcome of the EA process for the construction, operation, closure, and post-closures phases of the Undertaking to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts are appropriately mitigated;</li> </ul>	Section 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefits are enhanced as reasonable;</li> </ul>	Section 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with existing legislation, approvals, and FMG's corporate policies is achieved; and</li> </ul>	Section 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance will be reported as per applicable regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>	Section 12
FMG will work with the three STP Nations, as led by Cat Lake First Nation, to establish a joint environment committee for the EA.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building
FMG will work with the three STP Nations, as led by Cat Lake First Nation, to develop a consultation plan specific for the communities meaningful participation in the EA. This will include appropriate resourcing support.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building
FMG will fund the reasonable costs associated with required technical experts for the STP Nations, as led by Cat Lake, to independently review the EA and working with the environment committee.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building
FMG will support the reasonable costs associated with a community consultation coordinator. One for each of the three STP Nations for the EA.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building
FMG will support the reasonable costs associated with the participation of a community environmental monitor. One for each of the three STP Nations to participate in environmental field work for the Project.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities

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	Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations
FMG will remain flexible during the EA process to address new areas of comment and issues that might arise during consultation activities, information sharing, and technical reviews carried out by the environment committee and its expert advisors.	Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.1 Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
FMG will consult with the STP Nations at key decision-making milestones throughout the EA process including Environmental Baseline, Alternatives, and Effects and Mitigation.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
FMG will fund the reasonable costs associated with project-specific TK/ TLRU studies. The results will be incorporated into the Project planning.	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations Section on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building
<b>8.2 Monitoring and Follow-up Programs</b>	
Monitoring programs to be implemented throughout the life of the Project to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures and guide subsequent management actions will be identified in the EIS/EA.	Section 12
FMG understands a consistent and long-term data record is required to ensure meaningful and appropriate seasonal, annual and spatial background conditions are available to compare against. Therefore, FMG will identify potential monitoring requirements early in the EA process.	Section 12 Appendix G - S

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<b>9 CONSULTATION</b>	
<b>9.1 Overview</b>	
<p>In its environmental assessment, First Mining Gold Corp. will ensure effective and meaningful communication and engagement through the building of trust between the Project team and Indigenous communities to enhance awareness of the Undertaking. First Mining Gold Corp. will provide flexible consultation opportunities, issues resolution and feedback to consult Indigenous communities for the following components of the environmental assessment process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of community-specific Indigenous consultation plans, if requested, for the preparation of an environmental assessment;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.1 Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities</p> <p>Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of criteria and indicators for the assessments of alternative methods and the preferred Undertaking;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Consultation Processes and Capacity Building Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of the methodology, evaluation and results of Baseline Studies;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 6 Sections on Assessment of Alternatives Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of the evaluation methodology for the assessment of alternatives and the preferred Undertaking;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections 4 Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The conclusion of assessment and evaluation of alternatives (including the identification of potential effects and the development of appropriate mitigation and management measures);</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities</p>

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	Sections 4, 6 Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development and implementation of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies;</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 6.21 Appendix C Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assessment and evaluation of the preferred Undertaking (including the development of mitigation and monitoring measures to address any potential effects); and,</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 6.21 Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Information Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The conclusion of the assessment and evaluation of the preferred Undertaking (including potential effects, and appropriate effects management measures</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Terms of Reference (including valued components, criteria and indicators) Sections 4 Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<p>First Mining Gold Corp. will provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to be engaged at critical decision-making points during the environmental assessment process, so that Indigenous communities may provide input on how the undertaking and its alternatives may have an impact on their rights and interest through the sharing of traditional knowledge; and, that First Mining Gold Corp. will consider and incorporate, where appropriate, traditional knowledge and traditional land use into each environmental assessment decision-making milestone.</p>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Terms of Reference (including valued components, criteria and indicators) Sections on Assessment of Alternatives Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<p><b>9.1.1 Provincial EA and Consultation Plan Requirements</b></p>	
<p>The approach to consultation on the EA as part of the provincial EA process will follow the MECP's Code of Practice: Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process (MOE 2014c). The Code of Practice dictates that a proponent's consultation plan must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicate how potentially interested and affected persons, including Indigenous communities, will be identified, notified and consulted;</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.4 Consultation Approach

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	Section 2.5 Consultation Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicate how government agencies will be identified, notified and consulted;</li> </ul>	Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.2 Government Agencies Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.2 Government Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the points in the EA process when interested persons will be consulted;</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the methods that will be used to consult;</li> </ul>	Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the decisions that interested persons can provide input to and what role they can play when the proponent makes choices; and</li> </ul>	Section 2.5 Consultation Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge and attempt to address concerns raised during the EA process.</li> </ul>	Section 2.8 Comment Tables Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
According to the Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for EAs in Ontario (MOE 2014a) the consultation plan should outline:	Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General consultation methods proposed;</li> <li>How input from interested persons will be obtained;</li> </ul>	Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.1 Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.5.2 Government Agencies Section 2.5.3 Public Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of key decision-making milestones during the preparation of the EIS/EA when consultation will occur; and</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Figure 2-1 Overview of Key Consultation Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An issues resolution strategy</li> </ul>	Section 2.8 Comments Table

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<b>9.1.2 Federal EA and Consultation Plan Requirements</b>	
<p>The Agency has released guidance for inclusion of a consultation plan in the Project Description (CEAA 2012). The guidance states that the Project Description must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A consultation and information gathering plan that outlines the ongoing and proposed Indigenous engagement or consultation activities, the general schedule for these activities and the type of information to be collected (or alternatively, an indication of why such engagement or consultation is not required);</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.2 Federal Requirements</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background information on Indigenous communities' potential or established Indigenous or Treaty Rights; and</li> </ul>	<p>Section 3.1, 3.2.2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on the impact area of the designated Project and how it overlaps with uses by Indigenous communities that have potential or established Indigenous or Treaty Rights.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 3.4.15</p>
<b>9.1.3 Responsibility for Plan Implementation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While the government has a role in supporting and guiding FMG in consultation planning and activities, this Plan is a guide for the activities and responsibilities of FMG. FMG is responsible for preparing the EIS/EA for the Undertaking, preparing the associated consultation plan, and supporting reasonable EA consultation and engagement activities.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.0 Consultation</p>
<p>The responsibility of FMG for EA-related consultation is understood to be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with government agencies;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Section 2.6.3 Consultation with Municipal Governments Appendix D Record of Consultation (RoC) Appendix D Government Agencies RoC Appendix D Municipal Government RoC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and involve interested Indigenous communities, throughout the process including those likely to be directly affected and that may be potentially affected;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement an Indigenous consultation plan as part of the overall EA process;</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.1 Local Indigenous Communities</p>

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	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement activities of notification and consultation.</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC Appendix D Indigenous Communities Supporting Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate meaningful consultation with interested persons to identify information needs and concerns early in the planning process;</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC Appendix D Indigenous Communities Supporting Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather information from the communities about how the Project may adversely impact their Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights (for example, hunting and fishing) or site of cultural significance (for example, burial ground, archaeological sites);</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 6.21 Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Information Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC and Supporting Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide adequate time and resources for Indigenous communities to review and comment on EA-related materials and documents;</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC and Supporting Documents

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify issues and concerns received from Indigenous communities;</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC and Supporting Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document how issues and concerns received from Indigenous communities were considered in the preparation of the EIS/EA;</li> </ul>	Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address and where reasonable, resolve concerns raised through the consultation process;</li> </ul>	Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss potential mitigation strategies with communities (where appropriate); and</li> </ul>	Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC and Supporting Documents
Keep Indigenous participants informed of decisions made and how FMG addressed identified concerns or reasons that concerns were not addressed.	Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables
<b>9.2.1 Purpose, Principles and Objectives</b>	
The purpose of consultation for the preparation of the EIS/EA is to engage Indigenous communities and stakeholders through various methods to gather feedback on the Undertaking and promote environmentally responsible decision-making. Meaningful consultation is a two-way communication process that involves affected and interested persons in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the Undertaking. It requires providing information to and collaborating to:	Section 2.1 Introduction Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.4 Consultation Approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify concerns that may arise from the Undertaking;</li> </ul>	Section 2.8 Comments Tables

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	Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Section 2.8.2 Comments, Questions and Responses from Government Agencies Section 2.8.3 Comments, Questions and Responses from Municipal Governments Section 2.8.4 Comments, Questions and Responses from Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to develop FMG's commitments and responses to local input; and</li> </ul>	Section 2.8 Comments Tables Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Section 2.8.2 Comments, Questions and Responses from Government Agencies Section 2.8.3 Comments, Questions and Responses from Municipal Governments Section 2.8.4 Comments, Questions and Responses from Public Stakeholders Appendix B-4 Approved ToR Commitments/Consultation Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation, and supporting documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide appropriate information to the Ministry to enable fair and balanced decision-making.</li> </ul>	Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.2 Government Agencies Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Section 2.6.2.1 Overview of Consultation Common to Provincial and Federal Government Agencies

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	Section 2.6.2.3 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Appendix B-4 Approved ToR Commitments/Consultation Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Government Agencies RoC
During the overall EA process, input will be sought on baseline information, alternatives, the effects assessment, mitigation measures, and monitoring approach.	Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
<b>9.2.2 Consultation Principles</b>	
Consultation with Indigenous communities, public stakeholders and government (federal and provincial) will continue throughout the EA process in an open and transparent manner. Consultation will be proactive, flexible, and based on a goal of continuous improvement particularly as Indigenous communities, the community and interested persons identify how they prefer to be involved. This will build on FMG's existing relationships and will ensure that participants are engaged in dialogue about the current environment, project activities, potential effects, and management measures.	Section 2.0 Consultation Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.4 Consultation Approach Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.7 Ongoing Consultation Section 2.8 Comments Tables Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
<b>9.2.3 Consultation Objectives</b>	

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<p>FMG will provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to be engaged throughout the EA process, so that Indigenous communities may provide input on how the Undertaking and its alternatives may have an impact on their rights and interests through the sharing of Traditional Knowledge; and that FMG will consider and incorporate, where appropriate and available, Traditional Knowledge into each EA component of the EA. FMG will also provide opportunities for the public and agencies to be engaged and consider input received.</p>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders            Section 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities            Section 2.5 Consultation Methods            Section 2.5.1 Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities            Sections on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use            Section 2.8 Comments Tables            Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities            Appendix C Comment Response Tables            Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<p>FMG will also provide opportunities for the public and agencies to be engaged and consider input received.</p>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders            Section 2.3.2 Government Agencies            Section 2.3.3 Public Stakeholders            Section 2.5 Consultation Methods            Section 2.5.2 Government Agencies            Section 2.5.3 Public Stakeholders            Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders            Section            Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies</p>

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	Section 2.6.3 Consultation with Municipal Governments Section 2.6.4 Consultation with Public Stakeholders Section 2.8 Comments Tables Section 2.8.2 Comments, Questions and Responses from Government Agencies Section 2.8.3 Comments, Questions and Responses from Municipal Governments Section 2.8.4 Comments, Questions and Responses from Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Record of Consultation
<b>9.3 Identification of Interested Indigenous Communities</b>	
<p>Provincial regulatory agencies overseeing EAs may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to proponents and have set out specific requirements for recording the activities that proponents undertake with respect to carrying out these obligations. FMG recognizes its responsibility toward consultation and will follow the procedural aspects delegated by the provincial regulatory agencies. FMG will encourage Indigenous communities to participate in the process, making their concerns known, and make responsive efforts to address their concerns. CEAA 2012 requires that potential impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights be documented on an ongoing basis as part of the EA process.</p>	Section 2.2 Consultation Requirements Section 2.2.1 Provincial Requirements Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.1 Indigenous Communities Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities Sections on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Section 2.8 Comments Tables Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC

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<p>Overall, FMG has received direction from both federal (The list for the federal process is found in Part 2 Section 5 of the EIS Guidelines and may be updated from time to time based on information brought forward to the Agency) and provincial Crown agencies on the potentially impacted communities. The Indigenous communities that should be consulted with respect to the Project and EA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cat Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Lac Seul First Nation;</li> <li>• Ojibway Nation of Saugeen;</li> <li>• Pikangikum First Nation;</li> <li>• Slate Falls Nation;</li> <li>• Wabauskang First Nation;</li> <li>• MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee; and</li> <li>• Mishkeegogamang First Nation.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders            Section 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1.1 Overview of Consultation Common to Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations            Section 2.6.1.3 Cat Lake First Nation            Section 2.6.1.4 Lac Seul First Nation            Section 2.6.1.5 Slate Falls Nation            Section 2.6.1.6 Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation            Section 2.6.1.7 Northwestern Ontario Métis Community            Section 2.6.1.8 Ojibway Nation of Saugeen            Section 2.6.1.9 Pikangikum First Nation            Section 2.6.1.10 Wabauskang First Nation            Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<p>FMG bears the reasonable costs associated with providing information about the Project and the EA processes to Indigenous communities. The information is used to conduct meetings and information sessions that build an understanding of the Project. The accessible format of the information permits Indigenous communities to participate meaningfully in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities            Sections on Consultation Process and Capacity Building</p>
<p><b>9.4 Identification of Public Stakeholders</b></p>	
<p>FMG intends to engage in consultation throughout the EA process with a wide range of stakeholders, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenure holders in the immediate vicinity of the Site;</li> <li>• Local and regional stakeholders with interest in the Undertaking; and</li> <li>• Local users of the land, including hunters, trappers, and fishermen.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders            Section 2.3.3 Public Stakeholders            Section 2.5 Consultation Methods</p>

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	Section 2.5.3 Public Stakeholders Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.6.4 Consultation with Public Stakeholders Section 2.8 Comments Tables 2.8.4 Comments, Questions and Responses from Public Stakeholders Appendix C Comment Response Tables Appendix D Public Stakeholders RoC
<b>9.5 Identification of Government Agencies</b>	
FMG intends to continue consultation throughout the EA process with government agencies, including agencies with an interest in the Undertaking and municipal representatives and planners.	Section 2.3 Identification of Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section 2.3.2 Government Agencies Section 2.5 Consultation Methods Section 2.5.2 Government Agencies Section 2.6 Summary of Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities, Government Agencies and Public Stakeholders Section Section 2.6.2 Consultation with Provincial and Federal Government Agencies Section 2.6.3 Consultation with Municipal Governments Appendix D Record of Consultation
<b>9.6 Consultation and Engagement Activities</b>	

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<p>FMG initiated consultation activities with Indigenous communities and stakeholders to provide information about the Undertaking, the EA processes to be followed, and to identify and consider concerns and issues to be addressed in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1.1 Overview of Consultation Common to Indigenous Communities            Section 2.6.1.2 Shared Territory Protocol Nations            Section 2.6.1.3 Cat Lake First Nation            Section 2.6.1.4 Lac Seul First Nation            Section 2.6.1.5 Slate Falls Nation            Section 2.6.1.6 Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation            Section 2.6.1.7 Northwestern Ontario Métis Community            Section 2.6.1.8 Ojibway Nation of Saugeen            Section 2.6.1.9 Pikangikum First Nation            Section 2.6.1.10 Wabauskang First Nation            Section 2.8 Comments Tables            Section 2.8.1 Comments, Questions and Responses from Indigenous Communities            Appendix C Comment Response Tables            Appendix D Indigenous Communities RoC</p>
<p>The information gathered through the various engagement activities provided valuable information to FMG about how individual communities would like to be consulted with, what environmental concerns are important to each community and stakeholder, and a better understanding of the socio-economic benefits of the Project that are desired by each community and stakeholder. This information was used in part to develop the ToR and will continue to guide the decisions to be made throughout the EA.</p>	<p>Section 2.8 Comments Tables            Appendix C Comment Response Tables</p>
<p><b>9.7 Consultation Input</b></p>	
<p>Consultation sessions with key Indigenous Communities will also provide valuable input that will be used in the TK/TLU that will be completed in the EA. These studies have not yet commenced.</p>	<p>Section 2.6.1 Consultation with Local Indigenous Communities            Sections on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use</p>

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Outdoor recreation and tourism, surface water systems, groundwater, fish and fish habitat, and Caribou (Boreal population) have been included in the ToR as potential VCs. The EA will include an assessment of potential adverse environmental effects of the Undertaking on the identified VCs.	Section 6.18, Section 6.6 to 6.9, Section 6.5, Section 6.10 and Section 6.13
Comments received during consultation on the Project will be considered in the Project design and EIS/EA, as applicable. The EIS/EA will document how the Project has been modified, as applicable, as a result of inputs from stakeholders and Indigenous communities.	Section 2.8 Comments Tables Appendix C Comment Response Tables
<b>10 FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	
The EIS/EA which will be guided by the approved ToR will be prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario (MOEC 2014b). FMG recognizes that the EA must be prepared in accordance with the approved ToR, which sets out the minimum requirements for the EA, and the information in the ToR will be confirmed during the preparation of the EIS/EA. Nonetheless circumstances may arise that could prevent the commitments made in the ToR from being made in full or in part. It is recognized that the Springpole Gold Project is at the pre-feasibility engineering design stage and consultation is on-going. Situations may therefore arise that cause FMG to be unable to completely fulfil the commitments contained herein as a result of a need to accommodate new circumstances. FMG have attempted in this ToR to anticipate these changes but minor adjustments to the ToR may be required to be undertaken by FMG in consultation with MECP.	Section 13
As part of the EA, FMG will develop short term contingency plans as appropriate to gain further flexibility, such as minor design changes or specific consultation activities. Such plans will outline a course of action to be followed if unforeseen situations occur.	Section 13