



April 22, 2026

Amy Sen | Acting Director, Ontario Region
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
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Sent via email: amy.sen@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Re: Springpole Gold Project – Federal Environmental Assessment Process

Dear Ms. Sen:

First Mining Gold is pleased to see the progress being made through the final stage of the federal environmental assessment (EA) process for our Springpole Gold Project (Project) in Ontario, Canada. The Project is a near-term shovel-ready major mineral development opportunity for Ontario and Canada capable of generating over \$15 billion in GDP and over \$7 billion in tax revenue, and over 65,000 person-years of employment. The Project has been designed to meet stringent environmental and engineering standards supported by over eight years and \$50 million of extensive study and analysis demonstrating that the Project can be developed in a sustainable manner that is protective of all components that form part of the EA.

As we near the end of the federal EA process, and following the public comment period on the IAAC draft report published in February 2026, First Mining remains committed to working collaboratively with governments and Indigenous communities to advance the Project. Accordingly, we are pleased to advise that First Mining has resolved the key terms related to benefits and consent conditions for the Project with Cat Lake First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation. These terms are being brought to the communities for ratification vote in the coming weeks. Out of respect for the community-led process, and to ensure IAAC has the benefit of this information, First Mining is requesting that the federal EA process, currently scheduled to be complete on or before May 22, 2026, be extended to on or before June 30, 2026. The community consent conditions are anticipated to be provided to IAAC, which will further support the federal EA process.

The additional time may also allow IAAC to consider the provincial EA report which we understand may be published by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in early May.



First Mining also understands the importance of working closely with the local First Nations and has contributed over \$8 million in capacity funding support to date including to Cat Lake First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation and Slate Falls Nation, among other Indigenous communities. Funding has supported Indigenous-led assessments and capacity for various EA-related scopes which among other areas included funding to participate in consultation directly with government. During this overtime period we also encourage Canada to continue to advance its on-going dialogue with the First Nations.

We thank IAAC for its consideration and look forward to continuing to work closely over the coming few weeks as the process concludes.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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