

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

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

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

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

a) Summary of the information available to the Agency related to the nature and extent of Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights:

- Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
- The Project lies within the Métis Nation of Ontario's James Bay/Abitibi-Temiscamingue Traditional Territory, represented by the James Bay/Abitibi-Temiscamingue Traditional Territory (Region 3) Consultation Committee, as per the Consultation Agreement between the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Government of Canada.
- The Métis Nation of Ontario have harvesting rights under the Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting with the province of Ontario.

b) Summary of the information available to the Agency on the potential impacts to the exercise of Métis Nation of Ontario's rights resulting from any change to the environment due to the Project:

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

- No information is currently available.

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

- No information is currently available.

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

- No information is currently available.

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

- No information is currently available.

**FOR ACTION:** The Agency requests that you validate the information set out above and provide any additional information about the impacts the Project may have on the Métis Nation of Ontario's exercise of rights by **February 1, 2023**. Additional details about the nature and extent of potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario or the exercise of rights of Métis Nation of Ontario may refine our understanding of the potential impacts of the Project and allow the Agency to

adjust its consultation approach, where necessary. In addition, the Agency would like to meet with your community to discuss the information set out above to better understand how your community may be impacted by the Project. The Agency encourages Métis Nation of Ontario to share information with the proponent to inform the development of the proponent's Impact Statement.