

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

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

Summary of Information Available to the Agency about:

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

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

- Members of Timiskaming First Nation have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
- Timiskaming First Nation's reserve is approximately 66 kilometres south from the project area.
- The Project is located within Timiskaming First Nation's asserted traditional territory.
- Timiskaming First Nation is affiliated with the Algonquin Nation Secretariat (ANS).

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

Potential impacts to physical and cultural heritage

- No information currently available.

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

- Potential impacts to harvesting and fishing activities near Larder Lake.

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

- No information currently available.

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

- Potential social impacts as a result of racism and sexual harassment due to the Project.

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 Timiskaming First Nation's exercise of rights by **February 1, 2023**. Additional details about the nature and extent of potential impacts Timiskaming First Nation or the exercise of rights of Timiskaming First Nation may refine our understanding of the potential impacts of the Project and allow the Agency to adjust its consultation approach, where necessary. In addition, the Agency would like to meet with your community to discuss the information set out above to better understand how

your community may be impacted by the Project. The Agency encourages Timiskaming First Nation to share information with the proponent to inform the development of the proponent's Impact Statement.