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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: OEB Staff Interrogatories  
IAMGOLD Corporation  
Côté Gold Project  
OEB File No. EB-2018-0191**

Please accept OEB staff's interrogatories to the applicant in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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**IAMGOLD CORPORATION  
CÔTÈ GOLD PROJECT  
EB-2018-0191**

**OEB STAFF INTERROGATORIES**

**Interrogatory # 1**

**Ref:** Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1  
Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 2  
Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 2

**Preamble:**

IAMGOLD has applied for leave to construct approximately 44 km 115 kV transmission line between Hydro One's Shining Tree JCT and the Cote Lake Mine as well as two 15/13.8 kV step-down transformers to serve the Cote Gold Mine (Project).

Hydro One will be required to re-conductor approximately 118 km of Hydro One's 115 kV T2R circuit from Timmins TS to Shining Tree JCT and modifications for additional system protection are required at the Timmins TS; at Shining Tree JCT, Hydro One will be installing a motorized disconnect switch which will serve to provide electrical isolation, and define a demarcation point, between Hydro One owned assets and those owned by IAMGOLD (HONI Project). HONI will be submitting a separate companion leave to construct application to the OEB in respect of the HONI Project.

Costs incurred for the HONI Project will be paid by IAMGOLD pursuant to a connection cost recovery agreement to be entered into as required by the Board's approved connection process and the Transmission System Code.

**Questions:**

- a) Has IAMGOLD considered whether the Project could provide service to other customers? Please elaborate.
- b) Has IAMGOLD discussed with HONI the option of HONI constructing, owning and operating the Project and IAMGOLD making any required capital contribution? Please elaborate.
- c) Please confirm whether the Project meets HONI standards or whether, if HONI were to acquire IAMGOLD's transmission assets at some point, upgrades would be required?

- d) Please confirm that IAMGOLD will pay Hydro One's costs for both its transmission line work and the work at Shining Tree JCT.

Please confirm that the connection cost recovery agreement is consistent with requirements in the Transmission System Code.

- e) Please comment on whether or not IAMGOLD would have concerns were the OEB to make approval of the current application contingent on the OEB granting leave to construct the HONI Project.

## **Interrogatory # 2**

**Ref:** Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 2

### **Preamble:**

IAMGOLD will construct and own a new 44 km circuit spanning between Shining Tree JCT and its customer owned substation, located at the Cote Lake Mine.

IAMGOLD has engaged industry experts such as AMEC Foster Wheeler and Wood PLC to provide engineering and technical advisory services. IAMGOLD will engage qualified construction companies to complete the construction and installation of the transmission line. Operation and maintenance of the line will likely be performed by third party experts specializing in that type of service.

### **Questions:**

- a) What is IAMGOLD's experience in constructing and operating transmission infrastructure in Ontario or in other jurisdictions?
- b) What is the status of IAMGOLD's search for third party experts specializing operation and maintenance of electric facilities? Has a contract been entered into with one or more such experts? If so, please provide the name(s) of the expert(s).
- c) In the event that operation and maintenance of the line is not contracted to a third party expert(s) specializing in that type of service, how would IAMGOLD propose to manage this work? Please explain.

### Interrogatory # 3

**Ref:** Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 1  
Affidavit of Service<sup>1</sup>

#### **Preamble:**

In its affidavit of service, IAMGOLD updated the title search along the route. The affidavit states “that [the] entire line, except for rail and road crossing whose owners were served, is on Crown lands and the only interest holders other than the Crown are the Applicant and Applicant related persons.” In particular, the proposed route crosses Highway 144 and an existing CNR railway line.

A land use permit will be required from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNRF) and Forestry for areas where the Project crosses Crown Land.

#### **Questions:**

- a) Please confirm that no private land owners or claim holders are impacted by the Project.
- b) Please provide an update on negotiations for road and rail crossing permits.
- c) Please provide an update on the status of the land use permit from MNRF.

### Interrogatory # 4

**Ref:** Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 4

#### **Preamble:**

Several requirements in the Final SIA are applicable to Hydro One for the incorporation of the Project rather than IAMGOLD.

#### **Questions:**

- a) Please provide a summary of any discussions between IAMGOLD and Hydro One regarding the implementation of these requirements?
- b) To the best of IAMGOLD’s knowledge, are there any requirements that Hydro One is unable or unwilling to comply with?

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<sup>1</sup> Filed September 21, 2018.

## **Interrogatory # 5**

**Ref:** Final Customer Impact Assessment (CIA)<sup>2</sup>

### **Preamble:**

HONI issued a final CIA Report for the Project that concludes that the “Hydro One system and customers will not be adversely impacted by the connection of the Cote Lake Mine. It is recommended that area customers review the impact of the short circuit change on their facilities and take appropriate and timely action to address any safety/technical issues arising out of the changes which will result following incorporation of Cote Lake mining facility”.

### **Questions:**

- a) Please provide evidence that IAMGOLD has advised affected customers to review the impact of the short circuit change on their facilities. If this has not been done, please explain why not.
- b) If there are impacts resulting from the short circuit change, would IAMGOLD be responsible for any costs?

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<sup>2</sup> Filed as an update to the application on September 27, 2018.