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Mr. Steve Woolfenden
Manager, Corporate Environmental Assessments and Approvals
IAMGOLD Corporation
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Dear Mr. Woolfenden:

Thank you for the February 20, 2015 submission of the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Côté Gold Project on behalf of IAMGOLD Corporation. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has completed its review of the Environmental Assessment and that I have approved the undertaking as described in the Environmental Assessment, subject to conditions. Please find attached a signed copy of the Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking, as required by the Environmental Assessment Act.

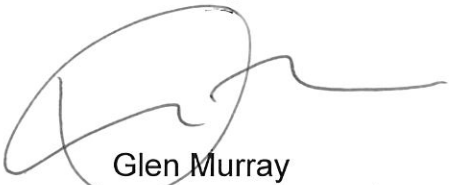
In giving approval to proceed with the undertaking a number of conditions have been imposed. It is a government priority to demonstrate solutions to climate change and to keep our air, land and water clean to help ensure quality of life for today and for future generations. As you will note in the Notice of Approval, there is a condition related to climate change. The condition highlights the importance of being responsive to climate change and potential related impacts such as storms, flooding and other severe weather events.

Please be advised that IAMGOLD Corporation must ensure that the undertaking is designed, constructed and operated in accordance with the commitments set forth in the Environmental Assessment and the conditions outlined in the attached Notice of Approval. In addition, it is the expectation of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change that IAMGOLD Corporation notify all members of the public, Aboriginal communities and government agencies that participated in the environmental assessment process that IAMGOLD Corporation has received approval to proceed with the undertaking.

Mr. Steve Woolfenden
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Should you require further assistance please contact Cindy Batista, Special Project Officer, of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7225 or cindy.batista@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Murray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment

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