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Sent by email

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**Subject: Springpole Gold Project – Status of Technical Review of Responses to Information Requirements**

This letter is to inform First Mining Gold Corp. (the proponent) of the status of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) technical review of the proponent's responses to Information Requirements (IRs) provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, on February 10, 2025, and the addendum provided on May 7, 2025, which was informed by comments received from Indigenous communities. These IRs were provided based on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Springpole Gold Project (the project).

IAAC is in receipt of your responses, dated March 17, 2025,<sup>1</sup> April 16, 2025,<sup>2</sup> and June 9, 2025,<sup>3</sup> as well as supplementary information on geochemistry submitted in April and May 2025.<sup>4</sup>

IAAC continues to review the information provided to date, with input from federal authorities. To provide clarity on the status of the technical review, IAAC has prepared an **Enclosure** that provides a summary of the status of each of the IRs issued by IAAC, current as of the date of this letter.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/161735>

<sup>2</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/161737>

<sup>3</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/162039>

<sup>4</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/161629>

As you are aware, the federal timeline within which the Minister of Environment and Climate Change must make a decision, under section 27 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, was suspended as of February 11, 2025. As per IAAC's *Operational Policy Statement: Information Requests and Timelines* (dated February 2016),<sup>5</sup> the federal EA timeline will not recommence until IAAC completes the conformity review of the formal submission of responses to the outstanding IRs, and is satisfied that robust responses to the comments and questions have been received.

Once again, IAAC is available to support collaborative discussions and issues management. Should you wish to meet with IAAC or other government experts, IAAC can assist in arranging such meetings at your request.

If you have any questions, or request a meeting, please contact me at [springpolegoldmine-minedorsspringpole@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:springpolegoldmine-minedorsspringpole@iaac-aeic.gc.ca), or by phone at 226-749-1214.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Springpole Gold Project – Status summary of information requirements

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/information-requests-timelines.html>

**Enclosure: Springpole Gold Project – Status summary of information requirements**

<b>IR Number</b>	<b>Status</b>
WQI-01	IAAC's technical review of the response is ongoing, with support from federal authorities.
FH-01	IAAC has completed its technical review of the response provided and will not be requesting further information; however, IAAC understands that discussions between the proponent and DFO will continue regarding fish habitat offsetting. IAAC will welcome any new information that would allow it to build greater confidence in its conclusions in the draft EA report.
FH-02	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
FH-03	IAAC has completed its technical review of the response provided and will not be requesting further information; however, IAAC understands that discussions between the proponent and DFO will continue regarding fish habitat offsetting. IAAC will welcome any new information that would allow it to build greater confidence in its conclusions in the draft EA report
FH-04	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
FH-05	IAAC has completed its technical review of the response provided and will not be requesting further information; however, IAAC understands that discussions between the proponent and DFO will continue regarding fish habitat offsetting. IAAC also understands that the proponent continues to collaborate with the province of Ontario on areas related to water quality and quantity related to the open pit basin. IAAC will welcome any new information that would allow it to build greater confidence in its conclusions in the draft EA report.
Bir-01	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
Bir-02	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
HH-01	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
HH-02	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
IP-01	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
IP-02	IAAC has completed its technical review of the proponent's response and has sufficient information to develop its conclusions in the draft EA report.
IP-03	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC. IAAC and the proponent have discussed the importance of validating this response with Indigenous communities.
IP-04	IAAC received a partial response to this IR. IAAC understands that FMG continues to develop the figures requested in this IR.
IP-05	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC. IAAC and the proponent have discussed the importance of validating this response with Indigenous communities.

<b>IR Number</b>	<b>Status</b>
IP-06	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC. IAAC and the proponent have discussed the importance of validating this response with Indigenous communities.
IP-07	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC. IAAC and the proponent have discussed the importance of validating this response with Indigenous communities.
IP-08	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC.
IP-09	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC.
IP-10	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC.
AM-01	The proponent's response to this IR has not yet been received by IAAC. IAAC and the proponent have discussed the importance of validating this response with Indigenous communities.