

March 13, 2026

Tara Bailey, Project Manager  
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada  
600-55 York Street, Toronto, ON M5J 1R7

Dear Ms. Bailey,

On behalf of **Trans-West Process Solutions**, a leading provider of industrial process equipment, automation, and integrated solutions for mining and resource development projects across Northwestern Ontario, we are pleased to express our strong support for the continued advancement of **First Mining Gold's Springpole Gold Project** through the federal environmental assessment process. As a company committed to supporting safe, efficient, and responsible project development, we view Springpole as a critical opportunity for regional economic growth and long-term industry stability.

Trans-West has followed the Springpole Project closely for the past 2+ years and has been consistently impressed by First Mining Gold's commitment to environmental stewardship, transparent engagement with Indigenous and community partners, and their methodical approach to integrating technical and environmental best practices. Their demonstrated focus on high-quality data collection, proactive mitigation planning, and meaningful collaboration reflects the values we uphold in our own work.

We also recognize the substantial environmental planning efforts and mitigation strategies First Mining has already undertaken. This disciplined and science-based approach provides strong confidence that the project is being advanced with long-term environmental responsibility at its core.

From an industry perspective, Springpole represents one of the most significant near-development gold projects in northwestern Ontario, and its advancement will generate important opportunities for regional suppliers, technical service providers, and workforce development. A project of this scale will contribute meaningfully to the strength and resilience of the broader mining supply chain.

For these reasons, Trans-West Process Solutions respectfully encourages the Government of Canada to advance the federal environmental assessment for the Springpole Gold Project and allow it to progress into subsequent regulatory and permitting phases. Doing so will help unlock new economic opportunities for the region while ensuring responsible, forward-looking resource development.

Sincerely,

Greg Troilo, ~~President~~

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~~Ryan Gagnon, Business Development Manager,~~

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Cc: The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature