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

Dear Ms. Bailey,

On behalf of MineConnect, I am writing to express our support for the advancement of First Mining Gold Corp.'s Springpole Gold Project. MineConnect represents Ontario's mining supply and services sector, and our membership recognizes the significant supply chain and procurement opportunities this project will generate across the region.

A project of this scale will create meaningful demand for contractors, manufacturers, engineering firms, transportation providers, equipment suppliers, and specialized service companies across multiple phases of development and operation. For Ontario businesses, this represents an important opportunity to strengthen capacity, create commercial relationships, and expand participation in a major mining development.

The projected economic impact, including significant construction and operational employment, GDP generation, and tax revenue will directly reinforce the mining supply chain by driving business activity, supporting investment in people and equipment, and increasing long-term competitiveness.

We also recognize the value of associated infrastructure improvements, including road development and potential energy transmission enhancements, which will improve access, logistics, and movement of goods and services while supporting broader regional supply chain connectivity.

Given these benefits, MineConnect encourages the Government of Canada to approve the environmental assessment and enable the project to move forward.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

c.c. The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature