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**The Honourable Julie Dabrusin**

Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature  
1028 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON M4M 1K4

Dear Ms. Dabrusin and Ms. Bailey,

As one of northwestern Ontario's leading multi-disciplinary engineering and environmental services firms, TBT Engineering Limited (TBTE) is pleased to offer our strong support for the continued advancement of First Mining Gold's **Springpole Gold Project**. We acknowledge that local people and communities in the region stand to gain significantly from the benefits this project promises to deliver.

TBTE has had opportunities to observe and support various technical and environmental initiatives associated with the project over the years. Through this work, we have consistently seen First Mining Gold demonstrate a high level of diligence, transparency, and commitment to environmental protection. Their approach to fieldwork, baseline studies, and regulatory engagement reflects industry best practices and an emphasis on minimizing environmental risks while maintaining open communication with Indigenous communities, regulators, and regional partners.

From our vantage point as an independent professional services firm, it is evident that First Mining Gold has invested considerable effort into ensuring that environmental management frameworks, monitoring programs, and mitigation strategies are robust, well-developed, and aligned with federal and provincial expectations. Their team's professionalism and responsiveness contribute to a collaborative working atmosphere that supports sound decision-making and effective project planning.

Beyond environmental stewardship, the Springpole Project represents a major economic opportunity for the region. As a local employer ourselves with over three decades of experience operating in northwestern Ontario, TBTE understands the importance of stable, long-term projects that create employment, training opportunities, and procurement demand for northern businesses. Springpole has the potential to generate broad benefits for contractors, suppliers, and workers across the region, contributing to sustained economic growth.

TBT Engineering encourages the Government of Canada to advance the environmental assessment for the Springpole Gold Project and allow it to progress to the next stages of review and permitting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Scott Peterson, President

TBT Engineering Limited

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