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

Dear Ms. Bailey,

The [Ontario Mining Association \(OMA\)](#) is pleased to provide a letter of support for First Mining Gold's Springpole Gold Project through the federal environmental assessment process. Our Association was established in 1920 to represent the mining industry in the province and is one of the longest serving trade organizations in the country. OMA members recognize the need to operate in an environmentally sustainable way, balancing the need to serve local communities and remaining competitive on global markets.

The OMA has followed the development of the Springpole Project for several years, and we have consistently observed First Mining Gold's commitment to environmental responsibility, transparent engagement, and rigorous technical and science-based work. The company's approach to environmental baseline studies, impact assessment, and regulatory coordination aligns with the high standards we expect of our industry. Their emphasis on collaboration with Indigenous communities, regional partners, and regulators is reflective of the modern, responsible mining practices that the OMA advocates for across Ontario.

We also recognize the extensive effort First Mining Gold has invested in building robust environmental management frameworks and mitigation strategies, in particular for habitat replacement and water quality protection. These initiatives demonstrate a proactive approach to minimizing potential impacts while ensuring that environmental protection remains central to project planning. Such diligence contributes to informed decision-making and strengthens confidence in the assessment process.

Importantly, Springpole represents one of the most significant advanced-stage gold development projects in northwestern Ontario. As an industry association, we understand how critical major projects like Springpole are for supporting employment, strengthening local supply chains, and driving long-term economic growth in northern communities. The project has the potential to create meaningful opportunities for contractors, suppliers, and workers across the region, reinforcing the mining sector's role as a cornerstone of Ontario's economy.

For these reasons, the Ontario Mining Association encourages the Government of Canada to advance the environmental assessment for the Springpole Gold Project and allow it to progress toward the next stages of regulatory review and permitting. Doing so will support responsible resource development while helping unlock the economic benefits this project can deliver for Ontario and Canada.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Priya Tandon
President

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