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**Subject: Springpole Gold Project – Updated Kita-Ki-Nan consent conditions**

Thank you for your letter of April 22, 2026, by which First Mining Gold Corp. (the proponent) notified the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) of the impending sharing of updated consent conditions from Cat Lake First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation. IAAC concurs with the proponent's view that the updated consent conditions represent important information to support IAAC's advice and conclusions with respect to the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Springpole Gold Project (the project) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012).

Likewise, IAAC acknowledges the proponent's updates regarding its commitments towards the consent conditions proposed by Cat Lake First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation, as shared by the Nations in the draft extended summary of the Kita-Ki-Nan "Our Land" Anishinaabe-led assessment process.

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As you are aware, in its draft EA Report, IAAC identified the proponent's commitments, including commitments that would be ensured by the potential conditions under CEAA 2012, to address effects to physical and cultural heritage and sites of significance of Indigenous Peoples due to the destruction of Waabizheshi Agaasademon Onigam (the Marten Portage), including the proposed site documentation and commemoration activities, and the re-establishment of a portage at the site of Waabizheshi Agaasademon Onigam following abandonment.

These measures were unequivocally rejected by Cat Lake First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation in comments on the draft EA Report. These Nations have characterized the loss of Waabizheshi Agaasademon Onigam as an unmitigable adverse effect to physical and cultural heritage and to a site of significance to Indigenous Peoples. The Nations did, however, identify several measures in the Kita-Ki-Nan draft Extended Summary Report that may support the Nations' acceptability of these impacts.

IAAC, pursuant to subsection 23(2) of CEAA 2012, requests that the proponent:

- Provide a description of any additional measures that the proponent will or has committed to implement that may support the Nations' acceptability of the effects to physical and cultural heritage and to a site of significance to Indigenous Peoples due to the destruction of Waabizheshi Agaasademon Onigam. Please identify which, if any, of the additional measures have been validated through the recent discussion with Cat Lake First Nation or Lac Seul First Nation.
- In addition to any measures that relate to Waabizheshi Agaasademon Onigam, provide an update to IAAC detailing the proponent's commitments with respect to any of the consent conditions outlined in the Kita-Ki-Nan extended summary report. Ensure to identify any new measures not previously shared with IAAC. IAAC understands that the details of some measures may be subject to agreements of confidentiality between the proponent and the Nations; in such cases, a description of anticipated outcomes is appropriate.

Please note that, pursuant to subsection 27(6) of CEAA 2012, the federal timeline within which the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature (the Minister) must make a decision, under section 27, is paused as of today, April 22, 2026, and will resume once IAAC receives the information identified above.

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