

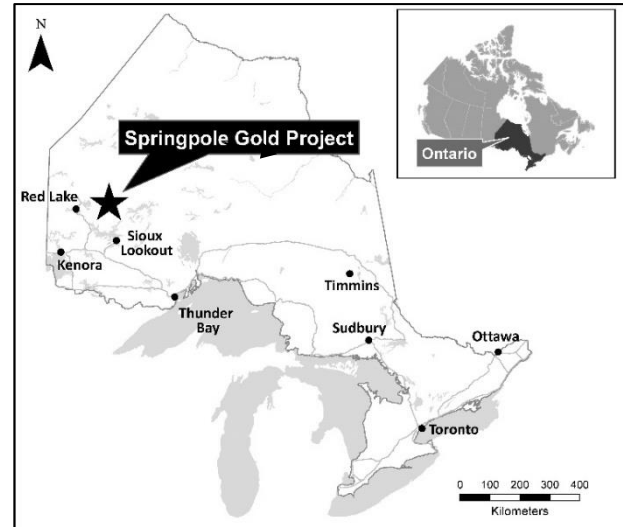
Springpole Gold Project

Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment

First Mining Gold (FMG) is undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) for the Springpole Gold Project. The proposed Project involves the construction, operation and decommissioning/closure of an open pit gold and silver mine and any associated facilities and ancillary activities. The deposit is located in a remote area of northwestern Ontario, approximately 110 km northeast of the Municipality of Red Lake and 140 km north of Sioux Lookout.

The Process

On November 8, 2021, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Springpole Gold Project with amendments. A copy of the approved ToR is available at: <https://firstmininggold.com/projects/springpole-project>. Hard copies can be made available upon request.



The environmental assessment will be carried out according to the approved ToR and the requirements of the EAA. The environmental assessment will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the EA Report can be reviewed. In addition to the Provincial process, the Project is also subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. For additional information please refer to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Ref #: 80149).

Consultation

FMG is working with MECP and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) to conduct a coordinated EA process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible, and the preparation of a single EA report to meet Federal and Provincial Requirements. Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of this undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process and will be advertised by a variety of means, such as the project website, local newspapers, direct mail outs.

Information on environmental baseline, alternatives and open house material is also available on the project website: <https://firstmininggold.com/projects/springpole-project>.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, or have project related questions, please contact: communityrelations@firstmininggold.com (or call 1 844 306 8827).

Comments are being collected to assist FMG in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number, and property location – is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

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