

## NEWS RELEASE

### **IAMGOLD ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC AGREEMENT WITH SUMITOMO METAL MINING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CÔTÉ GOLD**

*All monetary amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise indicated.*

**Toronto, Ontario, June 5, 2017 – IAMGOLD Corporation** (“IAMGOLD” or the “Company”) today announced that it has entered into an Investment Agreement with Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., a Tokyo, Japan-based mining company and a global leader in the development and mining of non-ferrous metals, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo (collectively “Sumitomo”) whereby IAMGOLD will form a joint venture with Sumitomo. Sumitomo will pay an aggregate \$195 million to IAMGOLD for a 30% undivided participating interest in IAMGOLD’s ownership interest in the Côté Gold Project in Ontario.

Under the terms of the Investment Agreement, on closing, Sumitomo will acquire a 30% undivided participating joint venture interest in IAMGOLD’s ownership interest in the Côté Gold Project for an aggregate \$195 million, of which \$100 million is payable upon closing. The remaining \$95 million is payable on the earlier of: (i) 18 months following closing, or (ii) the date of public filing of a feasibility study with respect to the Côté Gold Project. Closing of the transaction is expected to occur before the end of the month.

IAMGOLD will be the operator of the Côté Gold Project during development and once in operation. Each party will be responsible for funding its proportionate share of expenditures, including initial and sustaining capital expenditures for the Côté Gold Project.

“This transaction is significant for IAMGOLD as it validates the intrinsic value of the Côté Gold Project. It will enable us to move the Project into development and to significantly diversify our production profile as a result of future production from our Canadian operations,” said IAMGOLD’s President and CEO Steve Letwin. “After extensive due diligence by both parties, what solidified the relationship was the mutual trust and respect and the alignment around strategic priorities. In addition to providing us with the financial capacity to develop the Côté Gold Project, we are gaining a partner with business development and technical expertise who we can work with in the future to explore new possibilities.”

IAMGOLD began discussions concerning a potential strategic partnership with Sumitomo in August 2016. Since then, there has been extensive interaction between the two companies, with multiple site visits to Côté Gold involving Sumitomo’s senior management and technical teams. During the due diligence period, IAMGOLD visited the Hishikari Gold Mine in Isa, Kagoshima, and Steve Letwin and Don Charter, Chairman of IAMGOLD, spent time with Sumitomo’s President, Yoshiaki Nakazato, in Tokyo.

Sumitomo’s in-depth expertise in building and operating mines will complement IAMGOLD’s proven track record as a successful mine builder and operator. Additionally, IAMGOLD will benefit from Sumitomo’s access to Japanese suppliers to the mining industry, which will complement, where needed, existing supplier networks within Ontario. Both companies have strong business development capabilities and reach and a common interest in seeking opportunities beyond Côté Gold, which will support IAMGOLD’s objective to grow its production pipeline.

On Closing of the transaction, IAMGOLD and Sumitomo will form an unincorporated joint venture with respect to the Côté Gold Project, and will enter into a definitive joint venture agreement. Immediately following Closing, IAMGOLD will own 70% and Sumitomo 30% of the total outstanding participating interests under the joint venture agreement.

IAMGOLD and Sumitomo will have oversight of Côté Gold Project activities through an Oversight Committee, which will comprise six representatives consisting of four from IAMGOLD and two from Sumitomo, with decision making based on the proportionate participating interest. We remain committed to

advancing Côte in coordination with the federal and provincial government, northern municipalities and local communities, and in particular with our indigenous community partners on whose traditional territory the project will be built and operated.

The Investment Agreement pursuant to which Sumitomo will make the initial investment contains terms, conditions, representations, warranties, and indemnities customary for transactions of this nature. Closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, but is not subject to any financing condition or regulatory approvals.

In connection with this transaction, RCI Capital Group acted as financial advisor and originator of the buy side on behalf of IAMGOLD, and Fasken Martineau acted as legal counsel to IAMGOLD, and DLA Piper (Canada) acted as legal counsel to Sumitomo.

### **About Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.**

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. is a Japan based company with approximately \$7.3 billion in revenue in fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. The Company is primarily focused on the development and mining of non-ferrous metals, and produces and markets copper, gold, nickel, and other precious metals. Sumitomo Metal Mining is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (5713).

### **About IAMGOLD**

IAMGOLD ([www.iamgold.com](http://www.iamgold.com)) is a mid-tier mining company with four operating gold mines on three continents. A solid base of strategic assets in North and South America and West Africa is complemented by development and exploration projects and continued assessment of accretive acquisition opportunities. IAMGOLD is in a strong financial position with extensive management and operational expertise.

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

A conference call will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) for a discussion with management regarding the IAMGOLD-Sumitomo transaction and highlights from the Côte Gold prefeasibility study. A webcast of the conference call will also be available through IAMGOLD's website - [www.iamgold.com](http://www.iamgold.com).

Conference Call Information: North America Toll-Free: 1-800-319-4610 or 1-604-638-5340.

A replay of this conference call will be accessible for one month following the call by dialing: North America toll-free: 1-800-319-6413 or 1-604-638-9010, passcode: 1490#.

### **Forward Looking Statement**

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