

Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category B Project

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

Issuance of an unpatented boundary mining claim to EV Nickel Inc.

The Ministry of Mines invites you to comment on the applicant's request for the issuance of an unpatented boundary mining claim under subsection 176(3) of the *Mining Act* (the Act). The issuance of an unpatented mining claim under this section of the Act requires Lieutenant Governor in Council approval. In addition, the issuance may be subject to terms and conditions as considered appropriate by the Minister.

There are currently two registered boundary claims held by separate claimholders within boundary cell 42A06H380 in the geographic Township of Langmuir, situated over a part of the abandoned Langmuir Mine. Within this boundary cell there is also approximately 14.79 hectares of mining lands where no mining claim is currently registered. These mining lands are currently open for claim registration; however, subsection 38(3) of the *Mining Act* only permits a licensee to register cell claims that are not boundary claims. Because there are two existing boundary claims within the cell, the 14.79 hectares cannot be registered as a cell claim and is therefore unavailable for claim registration.

The Ministry is considering the applicant's request to issue an unpatented boundary mining claim for the 14.79 hectares within boundary cell number 42A06H380. The requested area of land covers the east part of the former Langmuir mine which operated from 1973 to 1978 where 2 million tons of nickel ore was mined. The available lands are contiguous to other mining claims held by the applicant and those mining claims are currently subject to an exploration permit. The applicant's work program on the adjacent lands commenced in June 2024. The applicant has informed the Ministry that the requested area is integral to the applicant for the purposes of expanding current exploration activities occurring on adjacent mining claims and to further develop the prospective high-grade nickel targets.

The Ministry does not anticipate any new environmental impacts associated with the issuance of an unpatented mining claim, given the small size of the area, the area being adjacent to the applicant's existing boundary claim, and since activities on the claim are subject to other regulatory authorizations and requirements that govern environmental impacts.

The issuance of an unpatented mining claim under subsection 176(3) of the Act is an instrument for the purposes of the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*. An information notice for the proposed issuance has also been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario as ERO Number 025-0307.

In addition, the proposed Category B project is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act* (Class EA).

For both of these purposes, you are invited to comment on the request to issue an unpatented boundary mining claim.

Comments must be received by April 30, 2025. For more information, or to submit comments, please contact:

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Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by the Ministry of Mines under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose of engaging in public consultation regarding the proposed project. Personal information may be shared with the Environmental Approvals and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the contact listed above.

Figure 1: Project Location

Provincial grid cell number 42A06H380

Geographic Township of Langmuir, Timmins Ontario

Lat: 48.33958° N Long: 81.00313° W, UTM coordinate zone 17

