**MINE CLOSURE PLAN FOR SMALL MINING OPERATIONS**

**This is the pro forma for the submission of a mine closure plan under Part 2 of the *Statutory Guidelines for Mining Proposals.***

To be considered small mining operations for the purposes of these guidelines:

1. The activities **must not** be for the mining of uranium, mineral sands or rare earth elements; and

2. The activities **must** be limited to the following activities:

a. Scraping and detecting.

b. Dry blowing.

c. The following activities for a total footprint of 10 hectares (ha) or less:

i. Mining excavations (pits, costeans, quarries, shafts, winzes, harvesting, dredging), leaching operations and tailing treatment operations.

ii. Any construction activities incidental or conducive to the activities including plant, tailings storage facilities and overburden dumps.

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| 1. **COVER PAGE**

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| If this mine closure plan is submitted as part of a mining proposal, confirm whether the below details are as per Section 1 of the mining proposal. If there are any differences please complete the below.  | **Yes**[ ]  |
| **Project Title:** *Click or tap here to enter text.* | **Tenement(s):***Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| **Operator(s):***Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| **Contact Name:***Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| **Address:** *Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| **Phone:***Click or tap here to enter text.* | **Email:***Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| **Date:** *Click or tap to enter a date.* |
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| 1. **PROJECT SUMMARY**
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| If this mine closure plan is submitted as part of a mining proposal, confirm whether section 2.1 and 2.2 are the same as Section 3 and 4 of the mining proposal and proceed to question 3. If there are any differences or this is a reviewed mine closure plan complete 2.1 and 2.2 below.  | **Yes**[ ]   |
| * 1. Describe the operation including major mine activities, land disturbances, tenements and other land tenure.

*Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| * 1. A site plan(s) is attached that includes:
* The location of the operation.
* All proposed and existing site activities.
* Tenement boundaries and labels.
* A north indication.
* A key or labelling of all infrastructure and activities.
 | **Yes**[ ]  |
| 1. **POST-MINING LAND USE AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**
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| If this mine closure plan is submitted as part of a mining proposal, confirm whether the below details are the same as Section 10 of the mining proposal and proceed to question **3.3**.If there any differences or this is a reviewed mine closure plan, complete 3.1 and 3.2 below. | **Yes**[ ]  |
| * 1. What are the underlying and/or pre-existing land uses of the area?

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| * 1. List those stakeholders affected by rehabilitation and mine closure and any consultation undertaken to date.

*Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| * 1. Is the underlying/pre-existing land use expected to change after the completion of mining?
 | **Yes**[ ]  | **No**[ ]  |
| * 1. If **yes at 3.3**, describe the changed end land use. Note: if the underlying/pre-existing land use is expected to change after completion of mining then consultation is expected to be conducted with the relevant stakeholders.

*Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| * 1. Has engagement been undertaken with stakeholders affected by a change in land use?
 | **Yes**[ ]  | **No**[ ]  |
| * 1. Describe the strategy for ongoing stakeholder engagement:

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| 1. **CLOSURE OUTCOMES, COMMITMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION**
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| * 1. Describe the rehabilitation commitments for any landform(s) (e.g. waste rock landform, tailings storage facility, heap leach):

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| * 1. Please note, the tenement conditions will be imposed under the *Mining Act 1978* if this mine closure plan is approved. If you have any objections to these, please detail in section 4.3.
* All mining related landforms and disturbances must be rehabilitated, in a progressive manner where practicable, to ensure they are safe, stable, non-polluting ,integrated with the surrounding landscape and support self-sustaining, functional ecosystems or alternative agreed outcome to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Resource and Environmental Compliance, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
* All excavations will be backfilled and/or closed to ensure they are stable and safe, to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, DMIRS.
* Placement of waste material must be such that the final footprint after rehabilitation will not be impacted upon by pit wall subsidence or be within the zone of pit instability to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Resource and Environmental Compliance, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
* All waste materials, rubbish, plastic sample bags, abandoned equipment and temporary buildings to be removed from the mining prior to or at the termination of the operation.
* Any watercourses that are disturbed by mining operations will be restored, as far as practicable, to the pre-disturbance conditions.
* Any shafts will be covered, fenced or otherwise made safe to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, DMIRS.
* All chemicals and hydrocarbons will be removed from site prior to or at the termination of the operation.

For heap leach and/or vat leach facilities:* Upon discontinuation of use of heap leach or vat leach facilities, the lessee to appropriately flush each facility to ensure the absence of free cyanide within the facility.
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| * 1. Describe any modified or additional rehabilitation and closure commitments; or any objections you have to the above conditions:

*Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| * 1. Confirm that you will keep records, documents or other evidence to demonstrate that the above commitments have been met.
 | **Yes**[ ]  |
| * 1. Confirm that you will provide evidence to DMIRS to demonstrate the completion of these commitments at the end of operations.
 | **Yes**[ ]  |

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| 1. **CLOSURE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT**
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| * 1. Describe the rehabilitation monitoring that will be undertaken to demonstrate you have met the closure commitments in section 4:[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| * 1. How often will this monitoring be conducted (e.g. annually)?

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| **ATTACHMENTS** |

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1. Monitoring is required to demonstrate the advancement towards, and achievement of, the closure outcomes and commitments for the site through the implementation of rehabilitation activities and closure commitments. An appropriate monitoring program would also include records of mining areas before disturbance, or appropriate analogue sites, that may be used as reference points in monitoring the progress of rehabilitated areas towards achieving closure outcomes. It is expected that the Annual Environmental Report will include an update on the progress towards meeting those outcomes and that the monitoring results provided will serve to demonstrate these outcomes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)