CLOSURE PLAN¹ ASSESSMENT AND APPROVAL PROCESS AND PROCESSING TIME – MERN

Maximum time: 200 days²

STEP 1

Admissibily and request for notice

The document's admissibility is assessed

The regional directorate of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MDDELCC)* concerned is asked to issue a notice

Where applicable, the MDDELCC forwards the closure plan to the COMEX or to the Makivik Corporation³

STEP 2

Publication

The closure plan, as submitted for approval, is made public on the GESTIM⁴ site, at least 30 days before the beginning of the public consultation

STEP 3

Analysis by the MERN

The MERN analyzes the closure plan

Where applicable*, the MERN sends questions and comments on the closure plan to the mining company

*Time taken to consult the MDDELCC and waiting time for answers from the mining company is not counted in the MERN's processing time.

- 1 The rehabilitation and restoration plan is referred to as the closure plan.
- 2 200 non-consecutive working days.
- 3 Analysis of the closure plan by the COMEX and the Makivik Corporation is not part of the MERN/MDDELCC memorandum of agreement on processing times
- 4 If the MERN decides that the closure plan is not admissible, it notifies the mining company, which must then submit another plan to the MERN before publication.
- 5 The MDDELCC's processing times under the MERN/MDDELCC memorandum of agreement:
 - New closure plan: 90 days;
 - · Reviewed closure plan: 120 days.

STEP 4

Receipt and forwarding of the MDDELCC's comments

The MERN receives questions and comments from the MDDELCC under the memorandum of agreement between the MERN and the MDDELCC⁵

The MERN forwards the MDDELCC's comments to the mining company

STEP 5

Analysis of comments and request for clarification

The MERN receives and analyzes the mining company's responses to its questions and comments

The MERN asks the mining company for additional clarification if necessary*

The MERN receives the mining company's responses to the MDDELCC's questions and comments and forwards them to the MDDELCC for analysis

The MDDELCC asks for additional clarification and the MERN forwards the request to the mining company, where applicable*

STEP 6

Approval procedure

The mining company's responses to the MERN's questions and comments are deemed satisfactory

A favourable notice is received from the MDDELCC

The letter of approval is sent when the closure plan is deemed to be acceptable

For approval of the closure plan, the exchanges between the mining company, the MERN and the MDDELCC will continue until the responses to the MERN's comments are deemed acceptable and a favourable notice is obtained from the MDDELCC.



