

## Content of the resource and reserve estimate report required for an application to expand a mining lease

This directive takes effect on July 19, 2023. It was adopted in accordance with the second paragraph of [section 104.1 of the Mining Act](#) (CQLR, chapter M-13.1). This section provides as follows:

**104.1.** The Minister may grant an increase in the area of the territory covered by the lease to the lessee who applies for one, provided that:

- 1° the added land is contiguous to that territory;
- 2° the added land is subject to one or more claims held by the lease holder;
- 3° mining operations have come into production in reasonable commercial quantities;
- 4° the revised rehabilitation and restoration plan has been approved in accordance with this Act, and the authorization required under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) has been issued or amended, as applicable;
- 5° the lessee has complied with any requirement prescribed by regulation and paid the annual rental for the portion of added land as well as the fees prescribed;

An application for an increase in the area of the territory covered by the lease must also be accompanied by a survey of the parcel of land involved, unless it has already been entirely surveyed, a report describing the nature, extent and probable value of the deposit, certified by an engineer or a geologist who meets the qualification requirements determined by regulation, and a report presenting an estimate of mineral resources and reserves.

Since December 9, 2021, the new section 104.1 of the Mining Act allows the Minister to grant, to the lessee who applies for it, the expansion of the area of the territory covered by the lease, provided that the application is accompanied by certain documents, including a report presenting an estimate of mineral resources and reserves (report).

This report must cover the content of the technical report items under [Regulation 43-101 respecting Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects](#) and shall be structured in accordance with [Form 43-101A1 – Technical Report](#) of this Regulation. It must also be carried out with respect to an estimate of the mineral resources present on the property subject to the application for an expansion of the mining lease. This report must contain at least the content of the following items:

- Item 1 Summary
- Item 4 Property description and location
- Item 9 Exploration
- Item 10 Drilling
- Item 14 Mineral resource estimates
- Item 15 Mineral reserve estimates
- Item 24 Other relevant data and information
- Item 25 Interpretation et conclusions
- Item 26 Recommendations

The report must also present the resource estimate by specifying the portion of resources or, where applicable, reserves that form part of the land subject to the expansion of the mining lease.

In addition, the information in the exploration section (Item 9) and the drilling section (Item 10) can focus primarily on the portion of the land that is subject to the expansion of the mining lease.

Finally, the property being expanded must, at a minimum, include resources of indicated class or reserves of probable class. An estimate composed solely of assumed resources will be considered insufficient to justify the expansion of a mining lease.

Note that this report may be completed by qualified persons who are not independent of the mining lease holder concerned.

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