PUBLIC NOTICE

Project for the Extraction and Processing of Igneous Phosphate
on the territory of the municipalities of Bégin and Lamarche
in the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean Region

This notice is published to inform the public of the start of the environmental assessment of the **First Phosphate project.**

The company intends to carry out, on the territory of the municipalities of Bégin and Lamarche, an open-pit mining project to produce 900,000 tonnes per year of high-purity phosphate concentrate (40% P_2O_5). The estimated mine life is 23 years.

For more information, the public may consult the project notice submitted by the proponent to the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks (MELCCFP). The notice includes, among other things, a description of the project and the site in question, as well as a description of the main issues identified and the anticipated impacts on the receiving environment.

The project notice, along with the Minister's directive regarding the preparation of the project's environmental impact study, is available for consultation in the public registry of projects subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure, at the following Internet address:

https://www.ree.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/projet.asp?no_dossier=3211-16-027

Any individual, group, or municipality may submit written comments to the Minister, no later than **November 1, 2025**, on the issues that the project's environmental impact study should address. These comments may be submitted to the Minister through the public registry at the above Internet address.

Additional information regarding the environmental assessment process for this project may be obtained by calling 418-521-3830 or toll-free at 1-800-561-1616, as well as on the MELCCFP website at:
https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/

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