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**Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the plans for graphite mining at Nunasvaara South.**

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies Finland regarding the plans for graphite mining at the Nunasvaara South mine.

**Information on the project**

The developer, Talga Resources Ltd plans to apply for Exploitation Concession under the mineral act as well as a permit under the Swedish Environmental code. As the area of operation is in the surface water catchment of the Torne and Kalix river system and associated Natura 2000 area, a Natura 2000 assessment will also be conducted. Depending on the result of the assessment, the developer will apply for a Natura 2000 permit if required. The location of the planned activity is approximately 10km west of Vittangi in Kiruna municipality, Norrbotten county.

The main components of the planned mining operations at Nunasvaara South are, mining of the deposit in an open pit using conventional drill and blast mining techniques, cutting of ore blocks into slabs, processing of graphite ore, management of waste rock and tailing, development of needed infrastructure, transports and improvements of existing roads that will be used.

Attached to this notification is the consultation document which aims to give an overview of the planned operations related to location, scope and conceptual design including an expectation of environmental impacts. Submitted comments will be considered in the preparation of the environmental impact assessment.

The consultation findings will also inform the assessment of potential effects on the Natura-2000 designated Torne and Kalix river systems.

**Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure**

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2021** at the latest and

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

[registrator@naturvardsverket.se](mailto:registrator@naturvardsverket.se) Please indicate Case number NV-06053-21 and “Nunasvaarea South” in your answer.

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Attachments

Samrådsunderlag (Swedish)

Consultation document (Finnish)

Missive to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Finnish)

Cc.

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