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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 reopening the operations at the Viscaria mine in Kiruna municipal, Norrbotten County.**

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 reopening the operations at the Viscaria mine.

**Information on the project**

The developer, Copperstone Viscaria AB intends to apply for permits in accordance with the Environmental Code (SFS 1998: 808) for environmentally hazardous activities and water activities. Also permits according to ch.7 Section 28a of the Environmental Code (Natura 2000 permit) and exemption according to the Species Protection Ordinance may be also be required.

The planned mining operations include mining of ore in opencast mines and underground mines, processing in concentrators with a capacity to process up to 3 Mton, enrichment of copper and iron ore as well as waste rock and enrichment sand from previous mining in the area. Planned operation area is adjacent to the Natura 2000 area Torne and Kalix river system, approx. 3 km west of Kiruna community in Kiruna municipality, Norrbotten county.

Attached to this notification is the consultation document both in Swedish and Finnish 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of November 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-06054-21 and “Viscaria” in your answer.

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Attachments

Missive to the Swedish environmental protection agency (Finnish and Swedish)  
Samrådsunderlag (Swedish)  
Consultation document (Finnish)

Cc.

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