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Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the plans for graphite mining at Nunasvaara South.

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), Sweden hereby invites Finland to submit comments on Talga ABs permit application and environmental impact assesment (EIA) for the plans for graphite mining at the Nunasvaara South mine.

The planned project

The developer, Talga AB, has submitted to the Land and Environmental Court, an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and an application for a permit in accordance with the Environmental Code (1998: 808) for the planned mining operations at Nunasvaara South mine. The mining operation is planned to consist up to 120,000 tonnes per year, an average of approximately 100,000 tonnes of ore per year, which enables graphite production of approximately 25,000 tonnes per year. Mining and enrichment to this extent is estimated to give rise to an average of approximately 81,000 tonnes of enrichment sand per year and an average of approx. 380,000 tonnes of gray rock per year. Production is planned to be gradually increased and it is considered economically possible to extract 2.43 million tonnes of ore during the mine's lifetime of approximately 24-25 years with current knowledge of the ore's distribution.

Attached to this letter is the developer's permit application and EIA documentation in Swedish. Also attached are supplementary documents, translated into Finnish, addressing issues raised from the consultation related to the notification under article 3 of the Espoo-convention. As the entire EIA report has not been translated, tables of contents are also attached in Finnish, and if necessary, additional documents can be translated and communicated within the framework of continued Espoo consultation.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 15th of August 2022** and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to: registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate Case number NV-06053-21 and “Nunasvaara South” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Full EIA report (Swedish)

Permit application (Finnish)

Developers supplementary opinions (Finnish)

Excerpts from technical description, table of contents and summary (Finnish)

Excerpts from the environmental impact Assessment (Finnish)

Supplementary data regarding impact on recipient (Finnish)

Supplement regarding recipient impact due to revised emission data (Finnish)

Supplementary documentation regarding turnover time Hosiojärvi (Finnish)

Supplementary report on the consultations held under the Espoo Convention (Finnish)

Opinions regarding the need for additional translations in the case (Finnish)

Cc.

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