

Table of Proposed Class EA Amendments (Version 02.6, Jan. 15, 2020)

Amendment #	Section	Current Text	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
1	General / entire document	--	<p>Replace “Ministry of Northern Development and Mines” and “MNDM” with “Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines” and “ENDM”, respectively.</p> <p>Replace “Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change” and “MOECC” with “Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks” and “MECP”, respectively.</p> <p>Replace “Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport” and “MTCS” with “Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries” and “MHSTCI”, respectively.</p>	Updating ministry names and abbreviations (with the exception of references to declaration orders MNDM-3 and MNDM-4).
2	General / entire document	--	Replace “mining claim staking” with “mining claim registration”, (including “stake” / “register”, etc.).	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
3	General / entire document	--	Replace “Aboriginal” with “Indigenous” except where there is a specific reference to Aboriginal and treaty rights or “Sites of Aboriginal Cultural Significance”.	Updating terminology per ENDM standard procedure.
4	2.2.1, Table 1, ninth row, second column, re. Subsection 80(1)	Reduction in area of claim where less than the prescribed area is necessary	Reduction in size of claim where less than the prescribed size is necessary	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .

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5	2.2.1, Table 1, ninth row, third column, re. Subsection 80(1)	If a <i>mining claim</i> has been staked in an area where the <i>surface rights</i> have already been granted, sold, leased or located to someone other than the staker, the Provincial Mining Recorder ³ may decide to reduce the area of the claim if, in his/her opinion, a smaller area is sufficient for working the mines and minerals.	If a <i>mining claim</i> has been registered in an area where the <i>surface rights</i> have already been granted, sold, leased or located to someone other than the claimholder, Provincial Mining Recorder ³ may decide to reduce the area of the claim if, in its/his/her opinion, a smaller area is sufficient for working the mines and minerals.	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
6	2.2.1, footnote #3, re. subsection 80(1)	Note: the Mining and Lands Commissioner may also make a decision under Section 80. (1) and 80. (2) of the <i>Mining Act</i> but his/her decisions are not discretionary decisions made by MNDM and are therefore not subject to this Class EA.	Note: the Mining and Lands Tribunal may also make a decision under Section 80. (1) and 80. (2) of the <i>Mining Act</i> but its decisions are not discretionary decisions made by ENDM and are therefore not subject to this Class EA.	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
7	2.2.1, Table 1, tenth row, third column, re. subsection 80(2)	If a <i>mining claim</i> has been staked in an area where there are pre-existing buildings or improvements, the Provincial Mining Recorder ⁴ may exclude certain areas of the <i>surface rights</i> that are needed for the occupation and utilization of the buildings or improvements.	If a <i>mining claim</i> has been registered in an area where there are pre-existing buildings or improvements, the Provincial Mining Recorder ⁴ may exclude certain parts of the <i>surface rights</i> that are needed for the occupation and utilization of the buildings or improvements.	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
8	2.2.1, Table 1, fifteenth row, second column, re. subsection 93	Correction of error on title document	Cancellation of erroneous patents	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .

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9	3.1.1, Table 4, fourth row, re. Section 80(1)	Reduction in area of claim where less than the prescribed area is necessary	Reduction in size of claim where less than the prescribed area is necessary	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
10	3.1.1, Table 4, ninth row, re. Section 93	Correction of error on title document	Cancellation of erroneous patents	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
11	Appendix 1 (Glossary), "mining claim"	Mining claim: defined in the <i>Mining Act</i> as a parcel of land, including land under water that has been staked and recorded in accordance with the <i>Mining Act</i> and its regulations.	Mining claim: defined in the <i>Mining Act</i> as a parcel of land, including land under water that has been registered and recorded in accordance with the <i>Mining Act</i> and its regulations and includes a cell claim and a mining claim.	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
12	Appendix 1 (Glossary), "mining claim staking"	Mining claim staking: comprises ground staking and map staking. Ground staking is a physical process and includes actions on the ground to mark out a <i>mining claim</i> by erecting and inscribing posts at the corners and along the boundaries, and blazing along the boundaries. Map staking (also called paper staking) is the process of submitting an application form (whether in hard copy or through a digital staking portal) describing the land to be claimed rather than physically staking it.	<i>Delete text.</i>	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .

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13	Appendix 1 (Glossary), <i>new definition</i>	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining claim registration: the online registration of a mining claim using ENDM's Mining Lands Administration System. 	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
14	Appendix 6, Table 2, tenth row, second column, first bullet	Use low impact methods (for physical ground staking, trails, etc.).	Use low impact methods (for prospecting, trails, etc.).	Updating terminology per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
15	2.2.1, Table 1, fourth row, re. Section 34	<i>Surface rights</i> for mining operations within 45 metres of a road or highway	<i>Delete row</i>	Updating list of undertakings subject to the Class EA per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> . Section 34 has been amended: the decision now rests with the Minister of Transportation and not the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. That means this is no longer an ENDM undertaking.
16	2.2.1, Table 1, seventeenth row, re. Subsection 97(2)	<p><i>[Second column]</i> Correction on mining title of lands accidentally omitted at time of staking</p> <p><i>[Third column]</i> If two or more claims are intended to be adjacent but upon being surveyed reveal that a piece of land (known as a "fraction" or a "gore") was accidentally omitted in either of the original <i>mining claims</i>, the Minister may award the fraction or gore to the recorded claim holder or holders as he or she sees fit.</p>	<i>Delete row</i>	Updating list of undertakings subject to the Class EA per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> . Section 97 has been repealed and is no longer an ENDM undertaking.

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17	3.1.1.1, Table 4, eleventh row, re. Subsection 97(2)	<p><i>[Second column]</i> Correction on mining title of lands accidentally omitted at time of staking</p> <p><i>[Third column]</i> The mining title is corrected to accurately reflect the lands that are part the <i>mining claim</i>, with no change in claim size or mining rights</p>	Delete row.	Updating list of undertakings subject to the Class EA per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> . Section 97 has been repealed and is no longer an ENDM undertaking.
18	1.6, last bullet	Appendix 8 contains an Emergency Incident Report Form.	Delete bullet.	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> – specifically, new subsection 148(4)(d) which refers to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines’ ability to give directions (per subsection 148(5)) to employees and agents of the Crown to address emergency situations on Crown land or prescribed land. Per subsection 148(6): “No Act... bars the employees and agents of the Ministry from acting in accordance with the directions given by the Minister under this section.” Therefore, emergency situations on Crown land are no longer subject to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> .
19	3.2, second paragraph, first bullet	...no potential environmental effects and <i>emergency</i> activities (Category A);	... no potential environmental effects (Category A);	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .

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20	7.0, first paragraph	The following sections describe administrative processes for MNM's Class EA, such as compliance reporting and amending the Class EA, the procedure for emergencies on <i>Crown land</i> , and the process for the considering Part II Order requests.	The following sections describe administrative processes for ENDM's Class EA, such as compliance reporting and amending the Class EA, ENDM's emergency powers, and the process for the considering Part II Order requests.	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
21	7.4	In the case of an emergency, where MNM has reasonable grounds to believe that a <i>mine hazard</i> is causing or is likely to cause an immediate and dangerous adverse effect, MNM or its agents may be required to take immediate steps to prevent, eliminate and alleviate the threat as soon as possible. <i>Emergency</i> measures are directed at the <i>mine hazard</i> that is the cause of the adverse effect; any other <i>mine hazards</i> that may be in the vicinity are not included in the <i>emergency undertaking</i> . <i>Emergency</i> measures are limited to what is required to prevent or stop the adverse effect and ensuring that no additional adverse effects are created. Emergencies may include imminent or actual threats to human life and safety; property loss or damage; erosion or failure of natural features or human-made structures; and chemical spills. Examples of emergencies include	In the case of an emergency, where ENDM has reasonable grounds to believe that a <i>mine hazard</i> on either Crown or private land, is causing or is likely to cause an immediate and dangerous adverse effect, ENDM or its agents may be required to take immediate steps to prevent, eliminate and alleviate the threat as soon as possible. <i>Emergency</i> measures are directed at the <i>mine hazard</i> that is the cause of the adverse effect; any other <i>mine hazards</i> that may be in the vicinity are not included in the <i>emergency undertaking</i> . <i>Emergency</i> measures are limited to what is required to prevent or stop the adverse effect and ensuring that no additional adverse effects are created. Emergencies may include imminent or actual threats to human life and safety; property loss or damage; erosion or failure of natural features or human-made structures; and chemical spills. Examples of emergencies include catastrophic <i>tailings dam</i> breaches, sudden ground subsidence	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .

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		<p>catastrophic <i>tailings dam</i> breaches, sudden ground subsidence in a populated area, and chemical storage containment failures.</p> <p>MNDM will consider all aspects of the <i>environment</i> when determining the preferred method of <i>emergency</i> intervention and will make its best efforts to minimize or mitigate any potential negative effects.</p> <p>MNDM's procedure for addressing an <i>emergency</i> includes internal, high level approvals as well as notification to relevant government ministries and agencies and affected people and communities.</p>	<p>in a populated area, and chemical storage containment failures.</p> <p>Section 148 of the <i>Mining Act</i> governs the way in which ENDM addresses emergencies. Pursuant to Section 148. (6) of the <i>Mining Act</i>, no Act, regulation, by-law, order, permit, closure plan, approval or licence prevents ENDM from exercising its emergency powers; therefore, the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> does not apply to <i>emergency</i> measures undertaken by ENDM.</p> <p>However, ENDM will consider all aspects of the <i>environment</i> when determining the preferred method of <i>emergency</i> intervention and will make its best efforts to minimize or mitigate any potential negative effects. ENDM's procedure for addressing an <i>emergency</i> includes internal, high level approvals as well as notification to relevant government ministries and agencies and affected people and communities. If ENDM is required to respond to an <i>emergency</i> at any point during the project review and planning processes for a Category B or C discretionary rehabilitation activity (i.e., after the proposed project has been screened and categorized), ENDM will prepare a note for the project file that</p>	

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			describes the events and rationale for the change.	
22	7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.4	--	<i>Delete sections 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3 and 7.4.4</i>	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
23	Appendix 9 (Emergency Incident Report Form)	--	<i>Delete Appendix 9.</i>	Updating emergency powers descriptions and procedures per recent amendments to the <i>Mining Act</i> .
24	7.2	<p>7.2 Amendments to MNDM's Class EA</p> <p>There may be times when MNDM may need to amend its Class EA, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ changes to policy, regulations or legislation; ○ changes or improvements in processes; ○ the addition of new <i>undertakings</i>; and/or ○ changes to <i>undertakings</i>, classes or categories based on experience and results from applying the Class EA. <p>Amendments can be brought forward by MNDM, MOECC or by other government ministries and agencies,</p>	<p>7.2 Amending Class Environmental Assessment Documents</p> <p>MECP to provide standardized wording for this section.</p>	Updating procedure per MECP's standardized language (per recent changes to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>).

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		<p>members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and other <i>interested persons</i> or organizations. Written requests for amendments to the Class EA should be submitted to the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch for minor amendments (see Section 7.2.1) or to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change for major amendments (see Section 7.2.2).</p> <p>Before submitting a proposed amendment to MOECC, non-MNDM parties should consult with the Director of MNDM's Mineral Development and Lands Branch regarding the proposed amendment.</p> <p>Proposed amendments must identify the concern or issue with MNDM's Class EA, the reason for the proposal, and the proposed amendment to the document.</p> <p>If approved, amendments would be appended to this Class EA or included in the body of the document. The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change may require that</p>		

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		<p>consideration of an amendment be postponed until the next comment period, as described in Section 7.3.</p> <p>The two types of amendments, minor and major, are described in the following sections.</p> <p>7.2.1 Minor Amendments</p> <p>Minor amendments may include administrative changes, clarifications, updates, or changes to policies and procedures that, in the opinion of the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, do not change the intent of the Class EA.</p> <p>Requests for minor amendments can be brought forward by MNDM or other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and/or other <i>interested persons</i> or organizations. In consultation with the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, MNDM will determine the validity of the request and whether the proposal is a minor amendment. If the Director of</p>		

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		<p>MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch agrees that the proposed amendment is valid and is appropriate for a minor amendment, then it will be approved by MOECC without consultation.</p> <p>7.2.2 Major Amendments</p> <p>Major amendments would include changes to MNDM's Class EA that would either change the intent of the Class EA or have a significant effect on the screening, categorization and project review processes in the Class EA. Major amendments may include the addition or removal of certain <i>undertakings</i> from the Class EA or the addition of a new class of <i>undertakings</i>.</p> <p>Requests for major amendments can be brought forward by MNDM or other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and/or other <i>interested persons</i>. In consultation with the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, MNDM will determine the validity of the request</p>		

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		<p>and whether the proposal is a major amendment. If the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch agrees that the proposed amendment is valid and is appropriate for a major amendment, MNDM will undertake consultation on the proposed amendment.</p> <p>Consultation will include, at a minimum, an Information Notice posting on the Environmental Registry for 30 days. The notice will also be posted on MNDM's Class EA web page. Government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations will be invited to submit comments on the proposed amendment to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch. Comments will be shared with MNDM by MOECC for consideration.</p> <p>The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change may require that consideration of an amendment be postponed until the next comment period, as described in Section 7.3.</p>		

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		Based on the comments received and MNM's response to the comments the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change may approve the amendment, approve the amendment with conditions, or deny the amendment. Notice will be provided to commenters and an Information Notice will be posted on the Environmental Registry and on MNM's Class EA web page.		
25	7.5	<p>7.5 Part II Order Process</p> <p>Class EAs are appropriate for classes of <i>undertakings</i> that have predictable and easily mitigated effects that are not of a size or scale that warrant an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>. However, Class EA <i>undertakings</i> may have potential environmental effects that were not considered when the Class EA was developed or that may have significant government agency, public, and/or Aboriginal community concerns associated with them. In such circumstances, a proposed project can be elevated to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> by a Part II Order made by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.</p>	<p>7.5 Part II Order Process</p> <p>MECP to provide standardized wording for this section.</p>	Updating procedure per MECP's standardized language (per recent changes to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>).

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		<p>The authority to make a Part II Order is granted by Section 16. (1) of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. Any person may request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change or delegate to make a Part II Order, or the Minister may make an order under his or her own initiative.</p> <p>MOECC's <i>Code of Practice: Preparing, Reviewing and Using Class Environmental Assessments in Ontario</i> (2014), describes the Part II Order process as an important tool to be used only when there are significant concerns with a proposed project and an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is required in order to conduct a more detailed assessment.</p> <p>7.5.1 Making a Part II Order Request</p> <p>MNDM's Class EA provides government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations with the opportunity to provide input into MNDM's decision-making process. The Part II Order provisions in MNDM's Class EA are applicable after a Notice</p>		

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		<p>of Completion has been issued for a proposed project.</p> <p>After the Notice of Completion has been released, a person with a concern has 30 calendar days (or the length of the comment period) to request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change make a Part II Order requiring that the project be made subject to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>.</p> <p>MNDM recommends that an interested person(s) with a concern about a discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity should bring their concern to the attention of MNDM within the 30-day comment period after the Notice of Completion has been released, before submitting a Part II Order request. The concern should be submitted in writing and discussed with MNDM staff. Ideally, the concern should be expressed as early as possible in the Class EA planning process (i.e., well before the Notice of Completion is released) as MNDM may have greater flexibility to accommodate changes to</p>		

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		<p>the Class EA planning process at that time.</p> <p>The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change can issue a Part II Order requiring MNDM to undertake an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>. The Part II Order request must be made in writing to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change with a copy to MNDM, and must be received within the 30-day comment period after the release of the Notice of Completion.</p> <p>As per MOECC's <i>Code of Practice: Preparing, Reviewing and Using Class Environmental Assessments in Ontario</i>, the written request must include the name of the proposed project and the <i>proponent</i> (MNDM), and must address the following issues (as they relate to the identified concerns with the Class EA project review and planning process or the potential environmental effects of the proposed project):</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and their significance; ○ the adequacy of the of the Class EA planning process and compliance with the approved Class EA process; ○ the availability of other <i>alternatives to</i> the proposed project (where appropriate, since some projects may not have any alternative); ○ the adequacy of the consultation program, including Aboriginal consultation, and the opportunities for consultation; ○ the involvement of the requester in the planning of the proposed project; ○ the nature of the specific concerns which remain unresolved; ○ details of the discussions held between the requester and MNDM; 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the benefits of requiring MNDM to undertake an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>; and ○ any other important matters the requester considers to be relevant. <p>MNDM will initiate or resume discussions with the requester to attempt to resolve the concern(s) raised in the Part II Order request. MNDM and the requester may also consider some form of dispute resolution process.</p> <p>If there is any progress in addressing the concern, MNDM and the requester may agree to request the Director of MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, in writing, to defer the review of the Part II Order request for up to 60 days (i.e., after the 30-day comment period for the Notice of Completion) to allow time for further discussion to take place between MNDM and the requester prior to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's decision on the request.</p>		

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		<p>MNDM and the requester will provide MOECC with a written account and outcome of the discussion and its outcomes, and whether the Part II Order request is confirmed or withdrawn. MOECC will acknowledge receipt, in writing, of the account and outcome. It is the responsibility of MNDM and the interested person(s) to resolve concerns raised in the Part II Order request.</p> <p>7.5.2 MOECC Review of the Part II Order Request</p> <p>A Part II Order request will be considered by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change if it is received during the 30-day comment period after MNDM has issued a Notice of Completion. If the Minister receives a Part II Order request before the Notice of Completion has been released, the request will be considered to be premature by MOECC.</p> <p>When a Part II request is received by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and if MNDM is unable to resolve the concerns raised</p>		

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		<p>in the Part II Order request (see Section 7.5.1), the Project Evaluator at the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch shall request that MNDM provide a copy of any relevant documentation (e.g., project file, records of public and Aboriginal consultation). MOECC's review of the Part II Order request will commence upon receipt of all required information.</p> <p>After receiving all of the required information from MNDM the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch will review the concerns raised in the Part II Order request and will make recommendations to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change within 45 calendar days.</p> <p>7.5.3 Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's Decision on the Part II Order Request</p> <p>The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will consider the information and documentation submitted by MNDM, the requester, and any person the Minister chooses to consult with before making a decision.</p>		

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		<p>The Minister will also consider the evaluation criteria for Part II Order requests listed in Section 16. (4) of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the purpose of the Act; ○ the factors suggesting that the proposed project differs from other <i>undertakings</i> in the class to which the Class EA applies; ○ the significance of the factors and of the differences mentioned above; ○ any reasons given by a person who requests the order; ○ the mediator's report, if any, following a referral to mediation (per Section 16. (6) of the Act); and ○ such other matters as the Minister considers appropriate. <p>The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will make a decision 21 days after receiving the recommendation from the Environmental Assessment and</p>		

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		<p>Permissions Branch and will decide to do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ issue a Part II Order; ○ deny the Part II Order request with or without conditions; ○ refer the Part II Order request to mediation before making a decision; or ○ advise MNDM to revise its planning where there is evidence that the proposed project has not been prepared in accordance with the Class EA. <p>The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's decision is still valid if made after the deadline. MNDM will not proceed with any part of the project, or give consent to a third-party applicant to proceed with any part of the project, prior to the Minister's decision.</p> <p>If the Minister decides to make a Part II Order, he or she will notify MNDM, the Part II Order requester(s) and other <i>interested persons</i>, and provide them with written reasons for that decision. If</p>		

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		<p>MNDM still wishes to pursue the project, MNDM will prepare an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> in accordance with Part II of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p>If the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change decides to deny the Part II Order request, he or she will notify MNDM, the Part II Order requester(s) and other interested person and provide them with written reasons for that decision. MNDM will then continue to plan and implement the project in accordance with the documentation, including commitments made during the review of the Part II Order request. MNDM will also comply with any conditions that may have been specified by the Minister.</p> <p>MNDM will document for the project file how MNDM has complied with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's decision and will amend any other project documentation (e.g., Environmental Study Report) as necessary.</p>		

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26	7.6.1, fifth paragraph	<p>A Notice of Filing an Addendum (Category B) or revised Notice of Completion (Category C or D) will be provided to other government ministries and agencies (including the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch), members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations, including those who expressed an interest in the initial process, with a minimum 30-day opportunity to provide input on the revised project. The Notice will describe the project and its assigned category, note the date when the Statement of Completion was filed, and provide rationale for the intent to proceed with the project. The Notice will also include contact information and, if required, details regarding the opportunity to request a Part II Order.</p>	<p>A revised Notice of Completion will be provided to MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5), other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations, including those who expressed an interest in the initial process, with a minimum 30-day opportunity to provide input on the revised project. The Notice will describe the project and its assigned category, note the date when the Statement of Completion was filed, and provide rationale for the intent to proceed with the project. The Notice will also include contact information and, if required, details regarding the opportunity to request a Part II Order.</p>	<p>Modifying text to reference MECP email notification requirements.</p>

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27	7.6.2	<p>If MNDM determines that the project may proceed, a Notice of Intention to Proceed with the project will be sent to government ministries and agencies, the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations, including those who expressed an interest in the initial process. A minimum 30-day response period will be provided. The notice will describe the project and its assigned category, note the date of the filing of the Statement of Completion, and provide rationale for the intent to proceed with the project. Contact information and details regarding the opportunity to request a Part II Order will also be included.</p>	<p>If ENDM determines that the project may proceed, a Notice of Intention to Proceed with the project will be sent to MECP (see email notification requirements), other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> and organizations, including those who expressed an interest in the initial process. A minimum 30-day response period will be provided. The notice will describe the project and its assigned category, note the date of the filing of the Statement of Completion, and provide rationale for the intent to proceed with the project. Contact information and details regarding the opportunity to request a Part II Order will also be included.</p>	<p>Modifying text to reference MECP email notification requirements.</p>

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28	Appendix 5 (Templates), page before templates (<i>new</i>)	n/a	<p>Notifying the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks of Class EA Projects</p> <p>The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has one email account for all Class EA notices and dedicated email accounts for each regional office. These accounts are used to receive notices along with a completed Project Information Form. The MECP District Office Locator website, available at https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/ministry-environment-and-climate-change-district-locator, can be used to determine the MECP region the project is located in.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Download and complete the Project Information Form (available at https://www.ontario.ca/page/preparing-environmental-assessments). 2. In the subject line of the email, include the project location, “ENDM Class EA”, and the project name (e.g., City of Sudbury, ENDM Class EA, Long Lake Gold Mine Rehabilitation Project). 	Modifying text to reference MECP email notification requirements.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1292 272 1827 412">3. Attach a PDF of the project notice (e.g., Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category C Project) to the email. <li data-bbox="1292 451 1870 662">4. Send the email to MECP's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch using the generic Class EA email address and the appropriate MECP regional office email address: <li data-bbox="1292 701 1741 769">5. Generic – ClassEAnotices@ontario.ca <li data-bbox="1292 808 1822 876">6. Central Region – eanotification.cregion@ontario.ca <li data-bbox="1292 915 1822 984">7. Eastern Region – eanotification.eregion@ontario.ca <li data-bbox="1292 1023 1822 1091">8. Northern Region – eanotification.nregion@ontario.ca <li data-bbox="1292 1130 1843 1198">9. South West Region – eanotification.swregion@ontario.ca <li data-bbox="1292 1237 1843 1305">10. West Central Region – eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca 	

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29	1.6, Figure 1	<i>(Figure 1 not included; see page 11 of the Class EA)</i>	<i>See Appendix 2 of this document for amended Figure 1.</i>	<p>Figure 1 provides a high-level overview of ENDM's Class EA. Figure 1 is amended to reflect proposed amendments described in more detail in the table below. The changes to Figure 1 reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the exemption of Category A projects from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (per recent changes to the Act under Bill 108 More Homes, More Choices); • finding efficiencies in the Class EA process; and <p>aligning the level of assessment with the level of risk and opportunity.</p>
30	2.2.1, footnote #2, re. subsections 52(1) and (2)	<p><i>Bulk sample</i> permissions may be subject to the requirement to obtain an <i>exploration</i> permit issued under Section 78.3 of the Act or a <i>closure plan</i> filed under section 140.(1) of the Act. The Class EA review process for <i>bulk samples</i> will be coordinated with the <i>exploration</i> permit process in order to meet the requirements of the Class EA.</p>	<p><i>Bulk sample</i> permissions may be subject to the requirement to obtain an <i>exploration</i> permit issued under Section 78.3 of the Act or a <i>closure plan</i> filed under section 140.(1) of the Act.</p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities).</p> <p>There are three types of discretionary tenure decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dispositions; 2. Land tenure conversions; and 3. Forfeitures and surrenders of land title. <p>(See Section 2.2.1 of ENDM's Class EA for descriptions of the ministry's discretionary tenure decisions).</p>

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				<p>Referring to undertakings subject to Class EAs, it is noted in MECP's <u><i>Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessment Program Discussion Paper</i></u>, that "some projects that are currently considered medium-risk could more appropriately be considered as low-risk" (p.10). MECP gives the example of dispositions by the province under the Public Works Class EA as undertakings that are currently considered medium-risk, but which are "not likely to result in negative environmental effects" and should be considered low-risk. MECP further states that they are "moving to exempt these dispositions from environmental assessment requirements."</p> <p>ENDM agrees with MECP's position that dispositions are low-risk and unlikely to result in negative environmental effects; therefore, ENDM is proposing that its own discretionary dispositions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., become Category A activities).</p> <p>Undertakings listed in Table 4 (Pre-assigned Category A Activities) are now exempt from the <i>Environmental</i></p>

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				<p><i>Assessment Act</i> (per recent changes to the Act under Bill 108 More Homes, More Choices). ENDM is proposing to add new undertakings, including dispositions, to Table 4. In general, these undertakings are administrative activities, or they have minor direct impacts on the environment.</p> <p>It should be noted that, in the current Class EA, most discretionary tenure decisions that are not dispositions are listed in Table 4 as pre-assigned, Category A activities.</p> <p>Dispositions</p> <p>A disposition under the <i>Mining Act</i> is the process whereby the Crown disposes of surface and/or mining rights under the <i>Act</i>, usually through the issuance of a licence of occupation, a leasehold patent or a fee simple patent. Dispositions do not directly impact the environmental condition of the site and have low potential for negative environmental effects. Subsequent activities or changes in use would be subject to other permits or approvals from ENDM (e.g., submitting an exploration plan(s) or permit(s) for</p>

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				<p>exploration activities) or other ministries or municipalities (land use permits, road/trail permits, etc.).</p> <p>The five dispositions that are proposed to be added to Table 4 (Pre-assigned Category A Activities) are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subsection 39. (2) Surface rights for a mining claim on agricultural lands <p>A mining claim can be registered on lands that have been identified as agricultural lands; however, a mining claim registered on such lands does not give the claim holder any right, interest or title in or to the surface rights. The claim holder is not entitled to access these lands from the surface to undertake exploration and assessment work.</p> <p>If the surface rights for agricultural lands are held by the Crown (and are therefore not being presently used for agricultural purposes), the claim holder can request the surface rights. The Minister may determine the part of the surface rights that are necessary for carrying out mining operations (e.g.,</p>

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				<p>exploration and assessment work on the mining claim) and sell or award all or part of the surface rights to the claim holder.</p> <p>The Minister's decision to award or sell surface rights on agricultural lands does not have a direct impact on the lands in question. As with other mining claims, and per Section 78.2(1) of the <i>Mining Act</i>, claim holders must submit an exploration plan or an exploration permit prior to carrying out any exploration activities (e.g., line cutting, pitting and trenching, diamond drilling, stripping) on a mining claim. In addition, other activities may also be subject to other government permits and approvals (e.g., road or trail permit, land use permit).</p> <p>2. Subsections 52. (1) and (4) Permission to test and/or dispose of mineral content (also referred to as "bulk samples")</p> <p>A claim holder must obtain the Minister's permission to mine, mill, refine or dispose of more than the prescribed quantity (i.e., between 100 and 1,000 tonnes) of any Crown-held mineral-bearing substance on a mining claim.</p>

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				<p>This permission allows a claim holder to remove samples from a claim site for the purposes of testing and, subsequently, disposing of or selling the samples to recoup costs. Claim holders are still required to comply with other permitting requirements under the <i>Mining Act</i>.</p> <p>Bulk sample applications are usually accompanied by an exploration permit application or advanced exploration closure plan and are therefore subject to consultation requirements. If an application is received after an exploration permit is in place, the permission would apply only to the removal of the already-extracted bulk sample off-site; the environmental impacts of the associated activities (e.g., line cutting, pitting and trenching, diamond drilling, stripping) would have already been consulted on under the exploration permit. In general, the ministry's experience has been that the bulk sample application is received for sites which already have existing access roads or trails and all overburden has already been removed.</p>

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				<p data-bbox="1948 272 2400 375">3. Subsections 53. (1) and (2) Disposition of Crown-owned chattels</p> <p data-bbox="1903 418 2475 1146">If a mining claim, mining lands or mining rights are abandoned, surrendered, cancelled, forfeited or terminated, any buildings, structures, machinery, chattels, personal property, ore, mineral, slimes and tailings must be removed from the land within six months. Otherwise, all chattels at the location automatically belong to the Crown (unless otherwise directed by the Minister within two years). The Minister may sell or dispose of any chattels that have become the property of the Crown. As with other dispositions, the Minister's decision does not have a direct impact on the environmental conditions at the site. Activities associated with the demolition or removal of chattels are subject to other government permits and approvals, as appropriate.</p> <p data-bbox="1948 1187 2467 1255">4. Subsection 84. (1) Surface rights only lease</p> <p data-bbox="1903 1295 2475 1390">The lessee or owner of mining rights, or a holder of a licence of occupation, may apply to the Minister for a lease of</p>

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				<p>available surface rights, inside or outside the lands covered by the lease, for any purpose essential to mining or exploration (e.g., constructing a mining shaft or buildings, disposing of tailings or other waste material).</p> <p>As with other dispositions, there is no direct impact on the environmental conditions of the site, and subsequent activities or changes in use would be subject to other permits or approvals (e.g., road or trail permits, land use permits).</p> <p>5. Subsection 176. (3) Issuance or validation of mining lease(s), licence(s) of occupation, patents, etc., under an Order-in-Council.</p> <p>In special circumstances the Minister may (subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council) issue or validate unpatented mining claims, or a license of occupation, lease or patent of any mining lands or mining rights, subject to terms and conditions the Minister considers appropriate. "Special circumstances" are land tenure-related circumstances that are outside of the ordinary processes covered under the</p>

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				<p><i>Mining Act.</i> These tend to be relatively unique or uncommon situations. Examples of past subsection s.176. (3) dispositions are: a request to explore in an area that has been withdrawn from claim registration (e.g., a former mine site with unrehabilitated mine hazards); the renewal of a mining lease for salt extraction under the bed of a river; and a replacement mining lease in the name of a lessee that was found to have been inadvertently excluded from a lease that was terminated by the ministry.</p> <p>These dispositions have no direct impact on the environment. Mining claim or lease holders are subject to other government permitting requirements (e.g., exploration permits, road or trail permits, land use permits, etc.).</p> <p>Lands Not Open For Registration without Consent of Minister (ss.29. (1) and (2)) Most discretionary tenure decisions that are not dispositions are already listed in Table 4 as pre-assigned, Category A activities. The only discretionary tenure decision that is not a disposition and which is not currently listed in Table 4 is “Subsections 29(1) and (2), lands not</p>

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				<p>open for registration without consent of Minister.” This undertaking allows the Minister to open otherwise restricted lands for mining claim registration. Lands that may not be open for registration include: lots within a registered plan of subdivision, residential cottage lots, airports, and railways. Over time, land uses change, and these “restricted” lands may no longer be airports, planned subdivision, etc. The Minister’s consent to allow the registration of a mining claim allows the proponent to undertake exploration activities (subject to exploration permitting requirements) like any other mining claim.</p> <p>Like a disposition, this tenure decision has no direct impact on the environment. Mining claim holders are subject to other government permitting requirements (e.g., exploration permits, road or trail permits, land use permits, etc.). ENDM is proposing that Subsections 29. (1) and (2) therefore be exempted from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> along with dispositions (and all other discretionary tenure decisions currently listed in Table 4).</p>

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				<p>Abandoned Mine Maintenance Activities and Installing Temporary Fencing and Hazard Warning Signs</p> <p>Two abandoned mine rehabilitation activities have been added to Table 4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintenance <p>Maintenance activities are already considered to be Category A activities under the Class EA; ENDM is proposing that they be listed in Table 4 as pre-assigned activities to clarify the process. Maintenance activities are actions taken to address the deterioration of a pre-existing control(s) around a mine hazard(s). These undertakings do not change the existing footprint of a site and pose little risk for negative environmental impacts. Examples of maintenance activities include replacing hazard warning signs, fences or shaft caps; repairing tailings dam structures; and clearing debris out of spillways. If any potential negative impacts outside of the existing footprint are anticipated (e.g., removing trees to upgrade an access trail, replacing tailings dam structures) or unknown, a project screening is completed to determine the appropriate category for the activity. If ENDM is still uncertain about potential</p>

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				<p>impacts, a new “Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process” consultation process is being proposed that would allow ENDM to consult on whether a proposed project is suitable for assigning to Category A, or if it should be assessed at a higher category.</p> <p>2. Installation of temporary fencing or hazard warning signs</p> <p>The installation of temporary fencing (e.g., snow fencing) and warning signs around the perimeter of a mine hazard is a “first response” by ENDM to warn people who may be using the area of dangerous conditions and discourage access to the mine hazard. These activities pose a very low risk for negative environmental effects.</p> <p>Implementation of Category A Projects</p> <p>For Category A projects, ENDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation without further screening or assessment required. For this amendment, the second sentence is no longer required as there would be no process to coordinate exploration permits with.</p>

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31	2.2.2, first paragraph	MNDM's discretionary tenure decisions in this Class EA are related to: <i>surface rights, mining rights</i> and <i>chattels</i> . The majority of <i>Mining Act dispositions</i> are not discretionary.	<p>ENDM's discretionary tenure decisions in this Class EA are related to: <i>surface rights, mining rights</i> and <i>chattels</i>. These activities are generally related to <i>prospecting, mining claim registration</i> and <i>exploration</i> for mineral resources. <i>Mineral deposits</i> occur in a particular location, so the evaluation of a potential <i>disposition</i> or another type of discretionary tenure decision is limited to the area of land in which the deposit is presumed to exist.</p> <p>The ministry's <i>dispositions</i> and other discretionary tenure decisions are low-risk and unlikely to result in negative environmental effects. Most <i>Mining Act dispositions</i> are not discretionary.</p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., become Category A activities).</p> <p>As part of proposed changes to the Class EA related to this, ENDM is proposing to delete Section 2.5.2.1, which describes considerations for the assessment of discretionary tenure decisions. As this information is no longer applicable to discretionary tenure decisions, most of the information in Section 2.5.2.1 is no longer necessary. However, Section 2.5.2.1 also contains factual information that is useful for understanding ENDM's undertakings; this information from has been moved, with minor modifications, to Section 2.2.2.</p>

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32	2.3, second paragraph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Categorization is based on a screening process that evaluates potential environmental effects. Only those projects that are administrative in nature or which do not change land use that is already permitted under existing <i>mining rights</i> are considered to have no environmental effects (see Section 3.2.1). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Categorization is based on a screening process that evaluates potential environmental effects. Only those projects that are administrative in nature (e.g., the correction of an error on a title document) or are unlikely to result in negative environmental effects (e.g., discretionary <i>dispositions</i>, maintenance activities) are considered to be low-risk or have no environmental effects (see Section 3.2.1). 	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act (i.e., be Category A activities). In addition, ENDM is proposing changes to its project screening process to ensure there is better alignment between the level of assessment and the level of environmental risk associated with a project.</p> <p>The current screening process requires projects not pre-assigned to a Category A must be a Category B project or higher. This means that discretionary activities that are not considered to be administrative, emergency, or maintenance must go through a thorough screening process and have at least one consultation period (if it is assigned to a Category B). There is no flexibility in the screening process to screen a project to a Category A.</p> <p>ENDM completed the first Five-Year Review of its Class EA in 2018. The ministry's experience during the first five years of implementing the screening and categorization process indicated that the "minimum Category B" requirement was not always reflective of the minimal</p>

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				<p>environmental effects for most of the projects completed since 2012 (when the Class EA came into force). As well, where it may be appropriate for a project to be screened to a category higher than an A, projects are often still subject to an assessment process that is not reflective of the level of risk, i.e., lower-risk projects are subject to an assessment process that would be more appropriate for a project with more significant environmental effects.</p> <p>ENDM's experience has demonstrated that for many low-impact projects in general, potential negative environmental effects can be effectively mitigated through the application of best management practices and/or through compliance with other regulatory requirements, e.g., compliance with the MECP's Environmental Noise Guideline.</p> <p>Many discretionary rehabilitation projects (that are not maintenance activities) take place on previously (and extensively) disturbed sites with existing access. If the ministry's rehabilitation activities are unlikely result in negative environmental impacts outside of the previously-impacted footprint of the</p>

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				<p>project area, ENDM considers these projects to have low (i.e., minimal) environmental effects and they would be more appropriately screened to a lower category based on the site characteristics and the extent (scope) of the proposed activity. While it is still appropriate for these types of projects to go through a project screening to determine potential environmental effects, ENDM considers it appropriate to have the flexibility to be able to consider rehabilitation projects with little to no environmental effects as a Category A activity.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM's discretionary rehabilitation activities always result in net positive environmental effects. As noted in Section 2.5.2.2 of the Class EA: "Due to the beneficial intent of discretionary rehabilitation activities (i.e., the rehabilitation of mine hazards), there should always ultimately be either a positive overall environmental effect and/or improved human health and safety when rehabilitation is finished."</p> <p>As described in Section 2.2.3, MNDM has prioritized the rehabilitation of</p>

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				<p>abandoned mine sites based on threats to human health and safety and environmental contamination risks.</p> <p>This means that rehabilitation projects that ENDM undertakes have been previously prioritized (through a risk assessment process) by the ministry to address existing potential and actual negative environmental effects, including threats to human life and significant environmental contamination.</p> <p>As such, the ministry feels that projects resulting in a net benefit to the environment, including preventing serious harm or death to people, should be considered as lower-risk. Therefore, ENDM is proposing changes to the Class EA screening process to reduce the number of steps in the process for projects with low environmental effects.</p> <p>The amended description of the categorization process reflects both the exemption of discretionary tenure decisions the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> and the new risk-based approach to screening and categorizing projects.</p>

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33	General / entire document	---	Remove or rephrase references to delegating procedural aspects of the Class EA to a “third party” or “third party applicant.”	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities).</p> <p>For Category A projects, ENDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation without further screening or assessment required.</p> <p>Section 2.4.1 of the Class EA describes how ENDM receives applications for discretionary tenure decisions from third party applicants. This information is useful for understanding undertakings subject to the Class EA. Section 2.4, and other sections of the Class EA, describe ENDM’s ability to require third parties to undertake certain procedural aspects of the Class EA. Since Category A projects require no further screening and assessment under the Class EA, it is no longer necessary for ENDM delegate procedural requirements to third party applicants, and language in the Class EA referring to this is no longer applicable.</p>

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34	2.5.2, first two paragraphs	<p>The potential environmental effects of MNDM's discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities can only be assessed on a site-by-site basis. The size, scale, nature and setting of a project need to be individually considered.</p> <p>The majority of discretionary tenure decisions should result in either nil or low potential environmental effects (e.g., correction on mining title of small slivers of land accidentally omitted at time of <i>mining claim staking</i>).</p>	<p>Discretionary tenure decisions should result in either nil or low potential environmental effects (e.g., correction on mining title of small slivers of land accidentally omitted at time of <i>mining claim registration</i>). The potential environmental effects of ENDM's discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities can only be assessed on a site-by-site basis. The size, scale, nature and setting of a project need to be individually considered.</p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities).</p> <p>For Category A projects, ENDM may proceed without further screening required. In general, these pre-assigned discretionary tenure decisions will not be "assessed on a site-by-site basis", i.e., through a screening process. However, if ENDM is uncertain about potential impacts or public interest, a new "Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process" consultation process is being proposed that would allow ENDM to consult on whether a proposed project is suitable for assigning to Category A, or if it should be assessed at a higher category.</p>

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35	2.5.2.1, first paragraph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mineral deposits</i> occur in a particular location. As a result, the evaluation of a potential discretionary tenure decision about mineral tenure is limited to the <i>disposition</i> of the land in which the deposit is presumed to exist. Notwithstanding this restriction, a number of <i>alternatives</i> will be considered, including: limiting or relocating components of the proposed project (e.g., access roads, <i>overburden</i> stockpiles); using <i>alternative methods</i>; altering the timing of the proposed project: and restricting access or use to parts or even the entire site to avoid impacts to sensitive features. Terms and conditions, including <i>mitigation measures</i>, may be applied to ENDM's discretionary tenure decision. 	Delete Section 2.5.2.1.	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities) as they are unlikely to result in negative environmental effects. Section 2.5.2.1 describes what will be considered in the screening and project review process for discretionary tenure decisions. For Category A projects, ENDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation without further screening or assessment required. Therefore Section 2.5.2.1 is no longer appropriate.</p> <p>As this section contains factual information that is relevant to discretionary tenure decisions in general, and which is useful for understanding ENDM's undertakings, some information from this section has been moved to Section 2.2.2.</p>

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36	3.1, starting at second paragraph	<p>Defining the boundary of the project area is the initial step in the screening process. For discretionary tenure decisions the entire area of the proposed land <i>disposition</i> is to be screened. For discretionary rehabilitation activities the immediate area of the <i>mine hazard(s)</i>, including all areas to be impacted by rehabilitation, plus an appropriate buffer around the rehabilitation activity, is to be screened. The buffer is determined by MNDM based on the nature of the hazard, the specific rehabilitation measures being considered, and the magnitude of any potential environmental effects.</p> <p>3.1.1 Screening Criteria</p> <p>Discretionary activities that are strictly “administrative” in nature and that do not change the land uses that are permitted under existing <i>mining rights</i> are listed in Table 4; these decisions are considered to have no environmental effects and are pre-assigned to Category A. MNDM’s <i>emergency undertakings</i> (see Section 7.4) and <i>maintenance</i> activities are also pre-assigned to Category A.</p>	<p>For discretionary rehabilitation activities, defining the boundary of the study area is the initial step in the screening process. The immediate area of the <i>mine hazard(s)</i>, including all areas to be impacted by rehabilitation, plus an appropriate buffer around the rehabilitation activity, is to be screened. The buffer is determined by ENDM based on the nature of the hazard, the specific rehabilitation measures being considered, and the magnitude of any potential environmental effects. Discretionary activities listed in Table 4 are either administrative in nature, or are unlikely to result in negative environmental effects, and are pre-assigned to Category A. ENDM applies the screening criteria (Table 5) to discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not listed in Table 4.</p> <p>3.1.1 Pre-assigned Activities</p> <p>Table 4 lists all discretionary activities for which no further screening is required. Most of these activities are discretionary tenure decisions which are low-risk activities that are not likely to result in negative environmental effects. For example, some discretionary tenure decisions are “administrative” projects of a routine nature that have no impact on the <i>environment</i>.</p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities) as they are unlikely to result in negative environmental effects.</p> <p>Since Category A activities require no further screening, it is not necessary to describe how to screen a discretionary tenure decision (per the second sentence of the current text). Table 4, which lists all undertakings that have been preassigned to Category A, is being amended to include all discretionary tenure decisions that are not currently listed.</p> <p>ENDM is also proposing changes to its project screening process to ensure there is better alignment between the level of assessment and the level of environmental risk associated with a project. In addition to proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be made Category A activities), ENDM is proposing that projects going through the full screening process (i.e., currently the “Part 2 Screening Process in Table 6 of the</p>

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		<p>The screening process for all other projects is made up of two sequential parts that are used to determine the level of effect on the <i>environment</i> (tables 5 and 6, and sections 3.1.1.2 and 3.1.1.3).</p> <p>The screening process for most discretionary activities starts at the Part 1 screening criteria (Table 5) and, if necessary, proceeds to the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6). The screening process for permissions to test mineral content (<i>bulk samples</i>) and discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not emergencies or maintenance activities starts at the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6).</p> <p>For a list of MNDM's discretionary activities subject to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> see Table 1.</p> <p>3.1.1.1 Pre-assigned Projects</p> <p>Table 4 lists all discretionary activities for which there is no environmental effect and for which no further screening is required. These decisions are "administrative" projects of a routine nature that do not change the</p>	<p>These activities include correcting errors on mining title documents, exchanging one large lease for multiple smaller leases, and other paper- or electronic-based decisions. <i>Dispositions</i>, which may not be administrative activities, such as the issuance of a surface rights only lease by the ministry, do not have a direct impact on the environmental conditions at a site, and therefore pose very little risk to the environment or human health and safety. Activities that may occur subsequent to the disposition are subject to other government approval and permits (e.g., exploration permits, permit to take water, land use permits), as appropriate.</p> <p>Table 4 also includes low-risk discretionary rehabilitation activities of a routine nature (maintenance activities and installing temporary fencing or warning signs). The discretionary activities listed in Table 4 are Category A activities. ENDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation of Category A projects (see Section 3.2.1). ENDM applies the screening criteria in Table 5 to discretionary activities that are not listed in Table 4.</p>	<p>Class EA) can be screened to a Category A if it is determined that the project has low potential for negative impacts on the environment.</p> <p>ENDM is also proposing to reduce the number of categories that a project may potentially be screened to. Risk may be viewed from both a "threat" and an "opportunity" perspective – the ministry's discretionary rehabilitation activities ultimately result in a net benefit to the environment, in some cases addressing significant contamination issues (e.g., unconfined tailings areas discharging untreated contaminants into waterbodies) as well as preventing serious harm and even death for people (e.g., constructing a concrete cap or plug to close a mine opening in an area frequented by hikers). The current screening process not only subjects many projects to a higher level of assessment than may be appropriate for the level of threat to the environment, but it also does not recognize the "risk" that an unrehabilitated mine hazard often poses to human health and safety and the environment. The ministry feels that projects resulting in a net benefit to the environment and human health and</p>

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		<p>land use and, therefore, have no impact on the <i>environment</i>. These decisions include correcting errors on mining title documents, exchanging one large lease for multiple smaller leases, and other paper- or electronic-based decisions.</p> <p>The discretionary tenure decisions listed in Table 4 are Category A activities. MNDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation of Category A projects (see Section 3.2.1).</p> <p>MNDM applies the Part 1 screening criteria (Table 5) to discretionary activities that are not listed in Table 4.</p> <p>Table 4. Pre-screened Discretionary Activities</p> <p><i>(Table 4 not included; see page 33-35 of the Class EA)</i></p> <p>3.1.1.2 Part 1 Screening Criteria</p> <p>MNDM uses the Part 1 screening criteria (Table 5) to determine if a discretionary tenure decision has any potential environmental effects. These screening criteria are applied to all discretionary activities listed in Table 1,</p>	<p>Table 4. Pre-assigned Category A Activities</p> <p><i>See Appendix 3 of this document for amended Table 4.</i></p> <p>ENDM applies the screening criteria in Table 5 to determine if a discretionary rehabilitation activity may have any potential environmental effects. These screening criteria are applied to discretionary rehabilitation activities that are listed in Table 1, but not in Table 4.</p> <p>3.1.1.2 Screening Criteria Table</p> <p>The screening criteria (Table 5) are used by ENDM to assess the potential environmental effects of a discretionary rehabilitation activity and identify any <i>mitigation measures</i> that may be necessary. ENDM applies the screening criteria to activities not listed in Table 4. For any criterion where there is a potential negative effect, the cause, degree of effect, and <i>mitigation measures</i> that can be used to eliminate or reduce the effect are considered and documented.</p>	<p>safety should continue to be subject to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>, but also should be considered a lower-risk project, in terms of potential negative effects.</p> <p>The change to the number of categories in the Class EA does not change the level of assessment for projects with a moderate or high potential (negative) effect on the environment. ENDM is proposing to remove the current “Category B” process as the projects that currently screen to a Category B have been determined, through the ministry’s Five-Year Review of the Class EA, to be projects with a very low risk of negative environmental impacts. The processes for current Category C and D processes will remain the same, and these categories will be renamed “Category B” and “Category C”, respectively.</p> <p>The proposed changes will result in a more efficient process by reducing the number of steps in the screening process from three to two (i.e., for projects that are not pre-screening to a Category A, which would be a one-step screening process). The screening</p>

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		<p>but not listed in Table 4. The screening may indicate that there will be no environmental effects because these decisions are “administrative” projects of a routine nature that do not change the land uses that are already permitted under existing <i>mining rights</i>.</p> <p>Discretionary activities that require no further screening after MNDM has completed the Part 1 screening are Category A activities. MNDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation of Category A projects (see Section 3.2.1).</p> <p>MNDM applies the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6) to discretionary tenure decisions that are determined have environmental effects.</p> <p>Table 5. Part 1 Screening Criteria</p> <p><i>(Table 5 not included; see page 36 of the Class EA)</i></p> <p>3.1.1.3 Part 2 Screening Criteria</p> <p>The Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6) are used by MNDM to assess the potential environmental effects of a</p>	<p>The results of the screening, and consideration of the anticipated level of public interest (Section 3.1.3), will enable ENDM to assign the proposed project to the appropriate category. If the screening indicates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there is minimal potential for negative short- and long-term environmental effects (i.e., no potential negative effects have been identified), or all identified short- and long-term negative and unknown environmental effects can be readily mitigated, the proposed project can be assigned to Category A (see Section 3.2.1). ○ there is at least one low to moderate negative effect, or at least one unknown effect, that cannot be readily mitigated, and which may require ENDM to gather additional information and/or undertake further research, the proposed project is assigned to Category B (See Section 3.2.2); ○ there is at least one high negative or unknown environmental effect that cannot be readily mitigated and which requires ENDM to gather additional information and/or undertake further research, the proposed project is 	<p>process would also be more flexible to allow projects that are screened using the screening table (currently in Table 6) to be screened to a Category A if it is determined that a project is unlikely to result in negative environmental effects (e.g., a small-scale rehabilitation project that takes place on a previously disturbed site with existing access to the mine hazard being addressed). For projects that may screen to a Category A due to minimal potential for negative environmental effects, but which ENDM thinks may be of concern to members of the public, Indigenous communities or organizations, etc., ENDM has included a new template for a “Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process.” This notice will allow ENDM to either confirm that the proposed project is suitable for assigning to Category A, or that it should be assessed at a higher category.</p> <p>ENDM is proposing to delete the current Table 5 (“Part 1 screening criteria”) as the above proposed changes will mean it is not necessary (i.e., because a project can be screened to a Category A). For item #3 in Table 5 (“Is the decision related to the maintenance of a mine hazard(s) on Crown land?”),</p>

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		<p>discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity and identify any <i>mitigation measures</i> that may be necessary. MNDM applies the Part 2 screening criteria when the Part 1 screening indicates that there may be potential environmental effects. For any criterion where there is a potential negative effect, the cause, degree of effect, and <i>mitigation measures</i> that can be used to eliminate or reduce the effect are considered and documented.</p> <p>The screening process for permissions to test mineral content (<i>bulk samples</i>) and discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not emergencies or <i>maintenance</i> activities is initiated at the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6).</p> <p>The results of the Part 2 screening and consideration of the anticipated level of public interest (Section 3.1.2) will enable MNDM to assign the proposed project to the appropriate category. All projects that undergo this screening are, at a minimum, assigned to Category B (see Section 3.2.2).</p> <p>If the Part 2 screening indicates that:</p>	<p>assigned to Category C (see Section 3.2.3); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there is at least one significant negative or unknown environmental effect that is not predictable or manageable, the proposed project will require an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> (see Section 3.2.4). <p>To help determine the potential environmental effects of a proposed project, for each screening criterion in Table 5, ENDM will ask the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a potential positive or negative net environmental effect(s) on the criterion? ○ What is the potential likelihood, magnitude (minimal/low, moderate, high/significant) and anticipated duration (short-term, long-term) of the effect(s)? ○ Will the potential effect(s) be direct or indirect? ○ If there is a potential negative environmental effect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can it be fully or partially mitigated (i.e., avoided or reduced in severity) by using standard measures or procedures such as best practices, adherence to environmental legislation, consultation processes, etc.? 	<p>ENDM is proposing to add a row to Table 4 to clarify existing direction in the Class EA about ENDM's maintenance (Category A) activities on Crown-held sites.</p> <p>ENDM is also proposing the addition of "Installation of temporary fencing or hazard warning signs", a discretionary rehabilitation activity, to Table 4. This is a routine activity where risks to the environment or health are very low. This activity allows the ministry to reduce threats to human health and safety by providing timely warning of dangerous conditions. Future work that may be undertaken on the site would be considered a separate project that would be fully screened to determine an appropriate category.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all identified potential negative effects can be mitigated and there are no unknown environmental effects, the proposed project is assigned to Category B (see Section 3.2.2); ○ there is at least one potential negative effect that cannot be readily mitigated, or if there is at least one unknown environmental effect that may require MNDM (or a third party) to gather additional information and/or undertake further research, the proposed project is assigned to Category C (see Section 3.2.3); ○ there are multiple negative effects that cannot be readily mitigated, or if there are multiple unknown environmental effects, the proposed project is assigned to Category D (see Section 3.2.4); or ○ there are one or more significant potential negative or unknown environmental effects that are not predictable or manageable, the proposed project will require an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is it reversible? <p>ENDM will use Table 5 to document the screening process and decision-making rationale for the project and include it in the project file and/or Environmental Study Report.</p> <p>Table 5. Screening Criteria</p> <p><i>(Table 5 not included –minor text change in upper left cell to remove “Part 2”)</i></p> <p>3.1.2 Anticipated Level of Public Interest</p> <p>The results of the project screening, and the consideration of the anticipated level of public interest, will enable ENDM to assign the proposed project to the appropriate category. A component of the screening process is the consideration of the anticipated level of public interest in, or response to, the proposed project. When assigning a project to a category consideration will be given to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Category A: little or no anticipated public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.1); 	

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		<p><i>individual environmental assessment</i> (see Section 3.2.5).</p> <p>Table 6. Part 2 Screening Criteria</p> <p><i>(Table 6 not included; see page 38-41 of the Class EA)</i></p> <p>The results of the Part 2 screening, and consideration of the anticipated level of public interest, will enable MNDM to assign the proposed project to the appropriate category. A component of the Part 2 screening process is the consideration of the anticipated level of public interest in, or response to, the proposed project. When assigning a project to a category consideration will be given to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Category B: little or no anticipated public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.2); ○ Category C: moderate level of anticipated localized public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.3); ○ Category D: high level of anticipated public interest or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Category B: anticipated localized public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.2); ○ Category C: high level of anticipated public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.3); and ○ <i>Individual Environmental Assessment</i>: high level of anticipated widespread public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.4). <p>ENDM will provide notification to other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, and other interested groups or individuals to advise them of ENDM's discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities. Based on the category that a discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity has been assigned to, a greater level of notification and/or consultation may be required (see sections 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4).</p> <p>Should the level of public interest or response be different than what was anticipated, ENDM may reassign the</p>	

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		<p>response for this project (see Section 3.2.4); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Individual Environmental Assessment</i>: high level of anticipated widespread public interest or response for this project (see Section 3.2.5). <p>MNDM will provide notification to other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and other interested groups or individuals to advise them of MNDM's discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities. Based on the category that a discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity has been assigned to, a greater level of notification and/or consultation may be required (see sections 3.2.2, 3.2.5 and 3.2.6). Should the level of public interest or response be different than what was anticipated, MNDM may reassign the proposed project to a higher category.</p>	<p>proposed project to a lower or higher category.</p> <p>If the project screening indicates that there is minimal potential for negative environmental effects but there is uncertainty about the anticipated level of public interest or response (e.g., replacing a shaft cap on an abandoned <i>mine hazard</i> that has existing access but which is in close proximity to a residential area, ENDM may choose to issue a Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process with a minimum 30-day consultation period (see notice template in Appendix 5). If, based on the input received, ENDM assigns the proposed project to a Category A, ENDM may proceed immediately with implementation. If ENDM assigns the proposed project to a Category B, the Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process will replace the Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input as the first of the two mandatory contact points (see Section 3.2.2).</p> <p><i>See Appendix 4 of this document for new Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process template.</i></p>	

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37	3.2, starting at second paragraph, bulleted list	<p>...The projects are assigned to the categories as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no potential environmental effects and <i>emergency</i> activities (Category A); ○ low potential environmental effects (Category B); ○ moderate potential environmental effects (Category C); ○ significant potential environmental effects (Category D); or ○ requires an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>. <p>Projects in categories that have no or low potential for environmental effects require less consultation and evaluation than categories with a higher potential for environmental effects.</p> <p>Mandatory consultation requirements, including Aboriginal consultation, are described in sections 5.0 and 6.0. The contact points (i.e., notification) described in the sections below are a minimum level of effort that MNDM will undertake or direct a third-party</p>	<p>...The projects are assigned to the categories as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no or low potential environmental effects (Category A); ○ moderate potential environmental effects (Category B); ○ high potential environmental effects (Category C); or ○ requires an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>). <p>Projects in categories that have no or low potential for environmental effects require less consultation and evaluation than categories with a higher potential for environmental effects.</p> <p>Mandatory consultation requirements, including Indigenous consultation, are described in sections 5.0 and 6.0. The contact points (i.e., notification) described in the sections below are a minimum level of effort that ENDM will undertake or direct a third-party applicant or partner to undertake. Additional notification and consultation, including extending the consultation or review time period, with <i>interested persons</i> or groups and/or Indigenous communities, including extending the consultation or</p>	<p>The description of the project categories is being amended to reflect proposed changes to the Class EA related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exemption of discretionary tenure decisions and emergency undertakings from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>; • finding efficiencies in the Class EA process; and • aligning the level of assessment with the level of risk and opportunity. <p>ENDM is proposing to remove the current “Category B” process as the projects that currently screen to a Category B have been determined, through the ministry’s Five-Year Review of the Class EA, to be projects with a very low risk of negative environmental impacts. The change to the number of categories in the Class EA does not change the level of assessment for projects with a moderate or high potential (negative) effect on the environment. The processes for current Category C and D processes will remain the same, and these categories will be renamed “Category B” and “Category C”, respectively. The changes to Section 3.2 are reflective of proposed changes</p>

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		<p>applicant or partner to undertake. Additional notification and consultation, including extending the consultation or review time period, with <i>interested persons</i> or groups and/or Aboriginal communities, including extending the consultation or review time period, may be required, especially for controversial, long-term (i.e., multi-year) or complex projects.</p> <p>3.2.1 Category A: No Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects in this category are either <i>emergency undertakings</i> on Crown land or they have no effect upon the <i>environment</i>.</p> <p>MNDM will follow Section 7.4 for <i>emergency undertakings</i> and sections 3.2.1.1 and 3.2.1.2 for all other Category A projects.</p> <p>Projects with no potential environmental effects may either be administrative in nature or do not change the land uses that are already permitted under the existing <i>mining rights</i> (e.g., correction of an error on a title document). This category will</p>	<p>review time period, may be required, especially for controversial, long-term (i.e., multi-year) or complex projects.</p> <p>3.2.1 Category A: No or Low Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects in this category have minimal (or no) potential for environmental effects.</p> <p>ENDM will follow sections 3.2.1.1 and 3.2.1.2 for Category A projects.</p> <p>Projects with no or low potential environmental effects are either administrative in nature or do not result in direct impacts to the environment (e.g., correction of an error on a title document or a <i>surface rights</i> lease). This category includes <i>maintenance</i> activities on abandoned mine sites and discretionary tenure decisions for which no further assessment is required prior to implementation. Environmental effects for discretionary rehabilitation activities screened to a Category A projects are well-understood, predictable and, where necessary, easily managed or mitigated (e.g., fencing or capping an abandoned mine shaft that has existing road access, addressing potential impacts to species at</p>	<p>to the screening and categorization process.</p> <p>ENDM is also proposing to describe Category C projects as having “high” potential environmental effects – instead of “significant” potential environmental effects”, which how Category D projects are currently described. This minor change in terminology is intended to provide clarity and differentiate between Category C projects and those which are determined, through a screening process, to require an individual environmental assessment. The need for an individual environmental assessment is determined if a discretionary activity is either outside of the scope of the Class EA, or if the project screening identifies “significant potential environmental effects that are not predictable or manageable.” The use of the term “high” also corresponds better with terminology used for Category A (“no or low”) and B (“moderate”).</p>

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		<p>encompass <i>maintenance</i> activities and discretionary tenure decisions for which no further assessment is required prior to implementation.</p> <p>3.2.1.1 Notification</p> <p>Consultation for Category A projects is not required; however, notice of the project is provided to the government ministries and agencies as appropriate.</p> <p>3.2.1.2 Project Review</p> <p>MNDM will review the input received and, if necessary, address concerns by imposing appropriate conditions on the discretionary approval. If necessary, MNDM will also consider reassigning the proposed project to Category B. Implementation of these projects will proceed without further assessment requirements.</p> <p>3.2.3 Category C: Moderate Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects in this category have moderate potential environmental effects (e.g., rehabilitation of an acid-</p>	<p>risk conducting activities within a specified time window, applying best management practices for reducing disturbances and emissions, modifying a project boundary to eliminate impacts to sensitive features).</p> <p>3.2.1.1 Notification</p> <p>Consultation for Category A projects is not required; however, notice of the project may be provided to stakeholders and Indigenous communities directly affected by the project, and government ministries and agencies as appropriate. ENDM does not provide notice for maintenance activities. Notification and consultation requirements for certain pre-assigned administrative undertakings (per Table 4), and activities that are screened to a Category A (per Table 5), are set out in the <i>Mining Act</i>.</p> <p>3.2.1.2 Project Review</p> <p>ENDM will review any input received and, if necessary, address concerns by imposing appropriate terms and conditions on the discretionary tenure approval or by applying appropriate mitigation measures on the discretionary rehabilitation activity. If necessary, ENDM will also consider reassigning the proposed project to Category B. Implementation of these</p>	

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		<p>generating or metal-leaching waste rock pile).</p> <p>Specific planning, design and <i>mitigation measures</i> tailored to the requirements of the project may be developed where established regulations or prescriptions are not sufficient to mitigate potential negative environmental effects.</p> <p>The process by which an interested person(s) can make a request to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (or delegate) that a Category C project be made subject to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is described in Section 7.5.</p> <p>3.2.3.1 Notification</p> <p>A more comprehensive consultation process is required for projects assigned to Category C than for projects assigned to lower categories. As such, MNDM will consider consultation methods such as newspaper advertisements and open houses. Other consultation methods</p>	<p>projects will proceed without further assessment requirements.</p> <p>3.2.2 Category B: Moderate Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects in this category may have moderate potential environmental effects (e.g., noise, increased traffic on local roads during the construction phase of a rehabilitation).</p> <p>Specific planning, design and <i>mitigation measures</i> tailored to the requirements of the project may be developed where established regulations or prescriptions are not enough to mitigate potential negative environmental effects.</p> <p>The process by which an interested person(s) can make a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (or delegate) that a Category B project be made subject to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is described in Section 7.5.</p> <p>3.2.2.1 Notification</p> <p>A more comprehensive consultation process is required for projects assigned to Category B than for projects assigned to</p>	

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		<p>may be considered where appropriate (see Section 5.0 and 6.0). Category C notification processes are described in Section 4.2. The mandatory contact points for Category C projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input (minimum 30-day comment period); and 2. Notice of Completion (minimum 30-day comment period). <p>3.2.3.2 Project Review</p> <p>Since these projects have moderate potential environmental effects, more information and analyses may be needed to identify these effects and potential <i>mitigation measures</i>. MNM will review the input received and, if necessary, address concerns by imposing additional conditions on the discretionary approval. If the <i>mitigation measures</i> cannot address the concerns, MNM will consider providing additional consultation opportunities and undertaking appropriate studies. If necessary, MNM will also consider reassigning the proposed project to Category D.</p>	<p>Category A. As such, ENDM will consider consultation methods such as newspaper advertisements and open houses. Other consultation methods may be considered where appropriate (see sections 5.0 and 6.0). Category B notification processes are described in Section 4.1. The mandatory contact points for Category B projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input (minimum 30-day comment period); and 2. Notice of Completion (minimum 30-day comment period). <p>3.2.2.2 Project Review</p> <p>Since these projects may have short-term environmental effects, more information and analyses may be needed to identify these effects and potential <i>mitigation measures</i>. This category will involve an analysis of <i>alternative methods</i> for carrying out the rehabilitation activity. ENDM will review the input received and, if necessary, address concerns by applying appropriate mitigation measures on the activity. If the <i>mitigation measures</i> cannot address the concerns, ENDM will consider providing</p>	

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		<p>3.2.4 Category D: Significant Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects that have known or unknown and potentially substantial environmental effects (e.g., the rehabilitation of a large area of <i>tailings</i>) are classified as Category D. This category will involve extensive and detailed planning processes, including the preparation of a consultation plan and an analysis of <i>alternatives methods</i>. Projects assigned to this category will consist of MNM's large-scale discretionary rehabilitation activities.</p> <p>The process by which an interested person(s) can make a request to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (or delegate) that a Category D project be made subject to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is described in Section 7.5.</p> <p>3.2.4.1 Notification</p> <p>Public concern or interest in these projects may be high; as such,</p>	<p>additional consultation opportunities and undertaking appropriate studies. If necessary, ENDM will also consider reassigning the proposed project to Category C.</p> <p>The input may also indicate that no further assessment is required and ENDM may consider reassigning the proposed project to a Category A.</p> <p>3.2.3 Category C: High Potential Environmental Effects</p> <p>Projects that may have known or unknown and potentially high environmental effects (e.g., the long-term environmental effects that last beyond the construction phase of a project such as construction of a permanent access road or a water treatment facility) are classified as Category C. This category will involve extensive and detailed planning processes, including the preparation of a consultation plan and an analysis of <i>alternative methods</i>. Projects assigned to this category will likely consist of ENDM's large-scale rehabilitation activities.</p> <p>The process by which an interested person(s) can make a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation</p>	

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		<p>comprehensive consultation with other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and other <i>interested persons</i> will be required. MNDM will prepare a consultation plan that includes consultation methods such as newspaper advertisements, meetings, and open houses. The consultation plan will be posted on MNDM's Class EA web page. Other consultation methods may be considered where appropriate (see Section 5.0 and 6.0).</p> <p>Category D notification processes are described in Section 4.3. The mandatory contact points for Category D projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Commencement; 2. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental Study Report (minimum 30-day comment period); and 3. Notice of Completion of the Final Environmental Study Report (minimum 30-day comment period). 	<p>and Parks (or delegate) that a <i>Category C</i> project be made subject to an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is described in Section 7.5.</p> <p>3.2.3.1 Notification</p> <p>Public concern or interest in these projects may be high; as such, comprehensive consultation with other government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, and other <i>interested persons</i> will be required. ENDM will prepare a consultation plan that includes consultation methods such as newspaper advertisements, meetings, and open houses. The consultation plan will be posted on ENDM's Class EA web page. Other consultation methods may be considered where appropriate (see sections 5.0 and 6.0).</p> <p>Category C notification processes are described in Section 4.2. The mandatory contact points for Category C projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Commencement; 2. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental 	

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		<p>3.2.4.2 Project Review</p> <p>Since these projects have significant potential environmental effects, a more comprehensive study and analysis process and the preparation of an Environmental Study Report is required to address environmental effects and the concerns of government agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and other <i>interested persons</i>.</p> <p>MNDM will review the input received and, if necessary, may address concerns by developing additional <i>mitigation measures</i> for the discretionary rehabilitation activity.</p> <p>If the <i>mitigation measures</i> cannot address the concerns, MNDM will consider providing additional consultation opportunities and undertaking appropriate studies. If necessary, MNDM will also consider initiating an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> for the proposed project.</p>	<p>Study Report (minimum 30-day comment period); and</p> <p>3. Notice of Completion of the Final Environmental Study Report (minimum 30-day comment period).</p> <p>3.2.3.2 Project Review</p> <p>Since these projects have high potential environmental effects, a more comprehensive study and analysis process and the preparation of an Environmental Study Report is required to address environmental effects and the concerns of government agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, and other <i>interested persons</i>. ENDM will review the input received and, if necessary, may address concerns by developing additional <i>mitigation measures</i> for the discretionary rehabilitation activity.</p> <p>If the <i>mitigation measures</i> cannot address the concerns, ENDM will consider providing additional consultation opportunities and undertaking appropriate studies. If necessary, ENDM will also consider initiating an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> for the proposed project.</p>	

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		<p>3.2.5 Individual Environmental Assessment</p> <p>If MNDM determines that a discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity is outside of the scope of its Class EA, or has significant potential environmental effects that are not predictable or manageable, it will be made subject to <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> requirements for an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>. MNDM may decide to undertake an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> based on the results of the screening process or as a result of concerns expressed by government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities and organizations, and/or other interested groups or individuals.</p> <p>MNDM will notify the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change in writing of MNDM's intent to do an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>.</p>	<p>3.2.4 Individual Environmental Assessment</p> <p>If ENDM determines that a discretionary activity is outside of the scope of its Class EA, or has significant potential environmental effects that are not predictable or manageable, it will be made subject to <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> requirements for an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>. ENDM may decide to undertake an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> based on the results of the screening process or as a result of concerns expressed by government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, and/or other interested groups or individuals.</p> <p>ENDM will notify the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in writing of ENDM's intent to do an <i>individual environmental assessment</i>.</p>	
38	4.0	<p>4.0 Project Planning and Review Process</p> <p>This section describes the project review and planning process for</p>	<p>4.0 Project Planning and Review Process</p> <p>This section describes the project review and planning process for discretionary rehabilitation activities assigned to</p>	The proposed changes to section 4.0 are reflective of proposed changes to the screening and categorization process. The processes for projects with

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		<p>discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities assigned to categories B, C and D (see Figure 2). The process for an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is set out in Part II of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p>The project review process for each category is structured into two sections: technical requirements and consultation requirements. MNDM will apply the requirements of this section to the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, or will instruct a third party, if applicable, to meet the requirements and provide the necessary documentation to MNDM for review and approval. See sections 5.0 and 6.0 for information on MNDM's consultation requirements.</p> <p>MNDM will document the project review process for every proposed project and include it in the project file that was created at the start of the screening process.</p> <p>Templates for the notices referred to in this section are provided in Appendix 5.</p>	<p>categories B and C (see Figure 2). The process for an <i>individual environmental assessment</i> is set out in Part II of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p><i>See Appendix 5 of this document for amended Figure 2.</i></p> <p>The project review process for each category is structured into two sections: technical requirements and consultation requirements. ENDM will apply the requirements of this section to the discretionary rehabilitation activity to meet the requirements and provide the necessary documentation to ENDM for review and approval. See sections 5.0 and 6.0 for information on ENDM's consultation requirements.</p> <p>ENDM will document the project review process for every proposed project and include it in the project file that was created at the start of the screening process. Templates for the notices referred to in this section and MECP email notification requirements are provided in Appendix 5.</p>	<p>moderate or high potential negative effects have not changed.</p> <p>Changes also include modifying text to reference MECP's email requirements.</p>

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		<p>4.1 Category B Project Review Process</p> <p>Category B discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary mine rehabilitation activities are described in Section 3.2.2.</p> <p>4.1.1 Technical Requirements</p> <p>4.1.1.1 Project Description A project description will be prepared for the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity. The project description will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, including a detailed description of all known information (e.g., relevant mining history and existing studies and documentation) about the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, 	<p>4.1 Category B Project Review Process</p> <p>Category B discretionary rehabilitation activities are described in Section 3.2.2.</p> <p>4.1.1 Technical Requirements</p> <p>4.1.1.1 Project Description</p> <p>A project description will be prepared for the discretionary rehabilitation activity. The project description will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, including a detailed description of all known information (e.g., relevant mining history and existing studies and documentation) about the discretionary rehabilitation activity; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; 	

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		<p>including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the screening results, including any information that led to the determination of potential environmental effects; ○ a description of any mitigation measures being considered; ○ all other documentation related to how the category was assigned; and ○ next steps in the documentation and consultation processes, including an estimated time line for completion of the proposed project. <p>4.1.1.2 Project Documentation</p> <p>The following information will be documented for MNDM's project file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the project description, including changes to the original proposal, if any; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the screening results, including any information that led to the determination of potential environmental effects; ○ a description of any potential negative or unknown environmental effect(s) that require MNDM to gather additional information and/or undertake further research (e.g., archaeological assessments, engineering reports); ○ all other documentation related to how the category was assigned; and ○ next steps in the documentation and consultation processes, including any research that is required and an estimated time line for completion of the proposed project. <p>4.1.1.2 Project Documentation</p> <p>The following information will be documented for the project file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a project description, including changes to the original proposal, if any; ○ the purpose or rationale for undertaking the project; 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the purpose or rationale for the proposed project ○ a description of the consultation that was undertaken, including Aboriginal consultation; ○ a summary of the input that was received and how it was considered and addressed; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects, both positive and negative; ○ a description of the advantages and disadvantages of the project; ○ an analysis of <i>mitigation measures</i> being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of alternatives <i>methods</i> being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any studies that were undertaken, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any future effects monitoring or studies that may be required; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the consultation that was undertaken, including Indigenous consultation; ○ a summary of the input that was received and how it was considered and addressed; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects, both positive and negative; ○ a description of the advantages and disadvantages of the project; ○ an analysis of mitigation measures being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of alternatives methods being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any studies that were undertaken, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any future effects monitoring or studies that may be required; ○ a summary of planned construction, post-monitoring construction plans, and/or an estimation of the start and 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of how Category B requirements were met; ○ a summary of planned construction, post-monitoring construction plans, and/or an estimation of the start and completion dates of the project, if applicable; ○ any technical reports prepared for the project (as appendices); and ○ a list of approvals and permits required for the project. <p>4.1.2 Consultation Requirements</p> <p>4.1.2.1 Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input</p> <p>Notice of the proposed project will be provided to the appropriate government agencies (including the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch), members of the public, Aboriginal communities and other <i>interested persons</i>, with a minimum 30-day (i.e.,</p>	<p>completion dates of the project, if applicable,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ any technical reports prepared for the project (as appendices); ○ a list of approvals and permits required for the project; and ○ a description of how Category B requirements were met. <p>4.1.2 Consultation Requirements</p> <p>4.1.2.1 Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input</p> <p>Notice of the proposed project will be provided to MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5), the appropriate government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and other <i>interested persons</i>, with a minimum 30-day (i.e., calendar days) comment period to provide input and express concerns. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; 	

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		<p>calendar days) comment period to provide input and express concerns. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects and <i>mitigation measures</i>; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ an invitation to comment on the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects and mitigation measures; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ an invitation to comment on the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings and open houses, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.1.2.2 Statement of Completion</p> <p>A Statement of Completion will be prepared, added to the project file, and posted on MNDM's Class EA web page after the 30-day comment period if no new comments or information require the proposed project to be reassigned to a higher category. The Statement of Completion will include:</p>	<p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Indigenous communities and persons that ENDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on ENDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings and open houses, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.1.2.2 Notice of Completion</p> <p>All government ministries and agencies and persons that submitted comments, MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5), and all Indigenous communities that were contacted, will be notified by ENDM of the result the Class EA planning process (i.e., ENDM's decision), with a minimum 30-day comment period for new concerns to be raised (including Part II Order requests to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks). The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a summary of the project description, including any revised details regarding mitigation measures; 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a brief summary of the project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category B requirements were met; and ○ a hard copy or electronic approval of the Statement of Completion by the responsible manager, including the date. <p>4.2 Category C Project Review Process</p> <p>Category C discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities are described in Section 3.2.3.</p> <p>4.2.1 Technical Requirements</p> <p>4.2.1.1 Project Description A project description will be prepared for the discretionary tenure decision or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category B requirements were met and whether the project will proceed or not proceed; ○ a description of the purpose of the 30-day comment period (i.e., to receive additional comments, information and Part II Order requests); ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ directions about how to access a hard or electronic copy of the project file. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Indigenous communities and persons that ENDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be</p>	

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		<p>discretionary rehabilitation activity. The project description will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, including a detailed description of all known information (e.g., relevant mining history and existing studies and documentation) about the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of the screening results, including any information that led to the determination of potential environmental effects; ○ a description of any potential negative or unknown environmental effect(s) that require MNDM to 	<p>posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on ENDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification, including newspaper advertisements, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.1.2.3 Statement of Completion</p> <p>A Statement of Completion is prepared, added to the project file and posted on ENDM's Class EA web page after the 30-day comment period if no Part II Order requests are received, no new comments or information require the proposed project to be reassigned to a higher category, and no <i>individual environmental assessment</i> requirements are granted by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Statement of Completion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a brief summary of the project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category B requirements were met; 	

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		<p>gather additional information and/or undertake further research (e.g., archaeological assessments, engineering reports);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all other documentation related to how the category was assigned; and ○ next steps in the documentation and consultation processes, including any research that is required and an estimated time line for completion of the proposed project. <p>4.2.1.2 Project Documentation</p> <p>The following information will be documented for the project file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a project description, including changes to the original proposal, if any; ○ the purpose or rationale for undertaking the project; ○ a description of the consultation that was undertaken, including Aboriginal consultation; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ confirmation that no Part II Order requests were received or that any Part II Order requests that were received were withdrawn or were denied by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and ○ a hard copy or electronic approval of the Statement of Completion by the responsible manager. <p>4.2 Category C Project Review Process</p> <p>4.2.1 Technical Requirements</p> <p>4.2.1.1 Project Description and Consultation Plan</p> <p>A project description and a consultation plan will be prepared for the discretionary rehabilitation activity. The project description will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, including a detailed description of all known information (e.g., relevant mining history and existing studies and documentation) about the proposed project; 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a summary of the input that was received and how it was considered and addressed; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects, both positive and negative; ○ a description of the advantages and disadvantages of the project; ○ an analysis of mitigation measures being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of alternatives methods being evaluated, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any studies that were undertaken, if applicable; ○ an analysis of any future effects monitoring or studies that may be required; ○ a summary of planned construction, post-monitoring construction plans, and/or an estimation of the start and completion dates of the project, if applicable, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of the screening results, including any information that led to the determination of potential environmental effects; ○ a description of any potential negative environmental effect(s) or unknown environmental effect(s) that require ENDM to gather additional information and/or conduct further research (e.g., archaeological assessments, engineering reports); ○ all other documentation related to how the category was assigned; and ○ next steps in the documentation and consultation processes, including the preparation of the Environmental Study Report and an estimated time line for completion of the proposed project. <p>The consultation plan will describe:</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ any technical reports prepared for the project (as appendices); ○ a list of approvals and permits required for the project; and ○ a description of how Category C requirements were met. <p>4.2.2 Consultation Requirements</p> <p>4.2.2.1 Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input</p> <p>Notice of the proposed project will be provided to the appropriate government ministries and agencies (including the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch), members of the public, Aboriginal communities and other <i>interested persons</i>, with a minimum 30-day (i.e., calendar days) comment period to provide input and express concerns. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the general consultation methods proposed at each step of the Class EA planning process; ○ how input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities, and other interested groups or individuals will be obtained; ○ how comments and concerns will be considered and how they inform decision(s); ○ milestones and sequence of events in the Class EA planning process, including when consultation will occur and when decisions will be made; ○ how consultation will meet the requirements of the Class EA planning process; and ○ other details as necessary. <p>The consultation plan will be posted on ENDM's Class EA web page.</p> <p>4.2.1.2 Draft Environmental Study Report</p> <p>A Draft Environmental Study Report will be prepared for the discretionary rehabilitation</p>	

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		<p>environmental effects and mitigation measures;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ an invitation to comment on the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. 	<p>activity. The Draft Environmental Study Report will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the proposed project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ the purpose or rationale for the proposed project; ○ a description of alternatives methods of carrying out the proposed project, if applicable; ○ a description of the alternatives to the proposed project, if applicable; ○ a description of the environmental setting that will be potentially affected by the proposed project; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project; ○ a description of mitigation measures that are being considered; 	

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		<p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings and open houses, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.2.2.2 Notice of Completion</p> <p>All government ministries and agencies and persons that submitted comments, the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, and all Aboriginal communities that were contacted, will be notified by MNDM of the result the Class EA planning process (i.e., MNDM's decision), with a minimum 30-day comment period for new concerns to be raised (including Part II Order requests to the Minister of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an evaluation of the alternatives to proceeding with the proposed project; and ○ an evaluation of the alternative methods for carrying out the proposed project. <p>4.2.1.3 Final Environmental Study Report</p> <p>ENDM will consider input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> in deciding whether and how to proceed with the project.</p> <p>The preferred <i>alternatives</i> will be selected and described in the Final Environmental Study Report. This report will follow the same format as described for the Draft Environmental Study Report and will also include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the project description, including any changes to the original proposal, the selected alternative(s) and, if required, a description of the final design; ○ engineering diagrams and other information that describes the project, if required; 	

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		<p>Environment and Climate Change). The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a summary of the project description, including any revised details regarding mitigation measures; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary tenure decision or discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category C requirements were met and whether the project will proceed or not proceed; ○ a description of the purpose of the 30-day comment period (i.e., to receive additional comments, information and Part II Order requests); ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of anticipated project phases, if required; ○ a description of the consultation that was undertaken, including Indigenous consultation; ○ a description of the input received and how it was addressed; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects, both positive and negative; ○ a description of the advantages and disadvantages of the project; ○ a description of the mitigation measures to be applied; ○ a description of the future effects monitoring program that is required; ○ a summary of planned construction or post-monitoring construction plans, and an estimation of the start and completion dates of the project; ○ any technical reports prepared for the project (as appendices); 	

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		<p>information, answer questions and receive comments; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ directions about how to access a hard or electronic copy of the project file. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification, including newspaper advertisements, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.2.2.3 Statement of Completion</p> <p>A Statement of Completion is prepared, added to the project file and posted on MNDM's Class EA web page after the 30-day comment period if no Part II Order requests are received, no new comments or information require the proposed project to be reassigned to a higher category, and no <i>individual environmental assessment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a list of approvals and permits required for the project; and ○ a description of how Category C requirements were met. <p>4.2.2 Consultation Requirements</p> <p>4.2.2.1 Notice of Commencement</p> <p>Notice of the proposed discretionary rehabilitation activity will be provided to MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5) the appropriate government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and other <i>interested persons</i>. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural 	

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		<p>requirements are granted by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. The Statement of Completion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a brief summary of the project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category C requirements were met; ○ confirmation that no Part II Order requests were received or that any Part II Order requests that were received were withdrawn or were denied by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; and ○ a hard copy or electronic approval of the Statement of Completion by the responsible manager. 	<p>features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an invitation to express interest the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process, including open houses and other consultation opportunities; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter government ministries and agencies, Indigenous communities and persons that ENDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on ENDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper</p>	

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		<p>4.3 Category D Project Review Process</p> <p>Category D discretionary mine rehabilitation activities are described in Section 3.2.4.</p> <p>4.3.1 Technical Requirements</p> <p>4.3.1.1 Project Description and Consultation Plan</p> <p>A project description and a consultation plan will be prepared for the discretionary rehabilitation activity. The project description will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, including a detailed description of all known information (e.g., relevant mining history and existing studies and documentation) about the proposed project; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, 	<p>advertisements, meetings, open houses, steering committees and working groups, will be considered.</p> <p>4.2.2.2 Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental Study Report</p> <p>Notice of the proposed discretionary rehabilitation activity will be provided to MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5), the appropriate government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities and other <i>interested persons</i>, with a minimum 30-day (i.e., calendar days) comment period to provide input and express concerns. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural 	

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		<p>including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the screening results, including any information that led to the determination of potential environmental effects; ○ a description of any potential negative environmental effect(s) or unknown environmental effect(s) that require MNDM to gather additional information and/or conduct further research (e.g., archaeological assessments, engineering reports); ○ all other documentation related to how the category was assigned; and ○ next steps in the documentation and consultation processes, including the preparation of the Environmental Study Report and an estimated time line for completion of the proposed project. <p>The consultation plan will describe:</p>	<p>features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an invitation to comment on the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter the aforementioned government ministries and agencies, Indigenous communities and persons that ENDM thinks may be impacted by, and/or interested in, the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on ENDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings, open</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the general consultation methods proposed at each step of the Class EA planning process; ○ how input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other interested groups or individuals will be obtained; ○ how comments and concerns will be considered and how they inform decision(s); ○ milestones and sequence of events in the Class EA planning process, including when consultation will occur and when decisions will be made; ○ how consultation will meet the requirements of the Class EA planning process; and ○ other details as necessary. <p>The consultation plan will be posted on MNDM's Class EA web page.</p>	<p>houses, steering committees and working groups will be considered.</p> <p>4.2.2.3 Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Study Report</p> <p>All government ministries and agencies and persons that submitted comments, MECP (see email notification requirements in Appendix 5), and all Indigenous communities that were contacted, will be notified by ENDM of the result the Class EA planning process (i.e., ENDM's decision), with a minimum 30-day comment period for new concerns to be raised (including Part II Order requests to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks). The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ confirmation that the Final Environmental Study Report has been completed; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby 	

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		<p>4.3.1.2 Draft Environmental Study Report</p> <p>A Draft Environmental Study Report will be prepared for the discretionary rehabilitation activity. The Draft Environmental Study Report will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the proposed project, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ the purpose or rationale for the proposed project; ○ a description of alternatives methods of carrying out the proposed project, if applicable; ○ a description of the alternatives to the proposed project, if applicable; 	<p>communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of how Category C requirements have been met; ○ a description of the purpose of the 30-day comment period (i.e., to receive additional comments, information and Part II Order requests); ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ directions about how to access a hard or electronic copy of the project file. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Indigenous communities and persons that ENDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on ENDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification, including newspaper advertisements, will be provided if necessary.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the environmental setting that will be potentially affected by the proposed project; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project; ○ a description of mitigation <i>measures</i> that are being considered; ○ an evaluation of the <i>alternatives to</i> proceeding with the proposed project; and ○ an evaluation of the <i>alternatives methods</i> for carrying out the proposed project. <p>4.3.1.3 Final Environmental Study Report</p> <p>MNDM will consider input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other <i>interested persons</i> in deciding whether and how to proceed with the project. The preferred <i>alternatives</i> will be selected and described in the Final Environmental Study Report. This</p>	<p>4.2.2.4 Statement of Completion</p> <p>A Statement of Completion is prepared, added to the project file and posted on ENDM’s Class EA web page if, during the 30-day comment period, no Part II Order requests are received, no new comments or information require the project to be reassigned to a higher category, and no <i>individual environmental assessment</i> requirements are granted by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Statement of Completion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a brief summary of the project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category C requirements were met; ○ confirmation that no Part II Order requests were received, or that any Part II Order requests that were received were withdrawn or were denied by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and 	

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		<p>report will follow the same format as described for the Draft Environmental Study Report and will also include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the project description, including any changes to the original proposal, the selected alternative(s) and, if required, a description of the final design; ○ engineering diagrams and other information that describes the project, if required; ○ a description of anticipated project phases, if required; ○ a description of the consultation that was undertaken, including Aboriginal consultation; ○ a description of the input received and how it was addressed; ○ a description of the potential environmental effects, both positive and negative; ○ a description of the advantages and disadvantages of the project; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a hard or electronic approval of the Statement of Completion by the responsible manager. <p>4.3 Phases</p> <p><i>The only proposed amendments to this section are related to Table 7 – see Appendix 6 of this document for amended Table 7 (now Table 6).</i></p> <p>4.4 Coordination and Integration with Other Approval Processes</p> <p>Under certain circumstances, activities being planned under ENDM’s Class EA may require approvals under other federal, provincial and/or municipal legislation. Where appropriate, ENDM will coordinate or integrate the Class EA planning process with the other legislation or planning processes. This means that the planning for the proposed project must be undertaken at the same time as another regulatory approval and meet regulatory requirements jointly. Coordination or integration involves reducing duplication and notification, and sharing consultation and documentation so that the entire process is more timely and efficient.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the mitigation measures to be applied; ○ a description future effects monitoring that is required; ○ a summary of planned construction or post-monitoring construction plans, and an estimation of the start and completion dates of the project; ○ any technical reports prepared for the project (as appendices); ○ a list of approvals and permits required for the project; and ○ a description of how Category D requirements were met. <p>4.3.2 Consultation Requirements</p> <p>4.3.2.1 Notice of Commencement</p> <p>Notice of the proposed discretionary rehabilitation activity will be provided to the appropriate government ministries and agencies (including the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch),</p>	<p>Occasionally there may be discretionary rehabilitation activities that are also subject to another government agency's environmental assessment requirements (e.g., ENDM may need to apply for a land use permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to construct a temporary access road to an <i>abandoned mine</i> site). There may also be circumstances where there is more than one <i>proponent</i> and each <i>proponent</i> has a Class EA that applies. Proposed projects that need to be assessed under ENDM's Class EA and another Class EA will be coordinated in a manner that ensures the fulfillment of all Class EA requirements, including consultation and documentation requirements.</p> <p>Some of ENDM's projects may also be subject to the requirements of the <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>. For projects that may be subject to the Act, ENDM (or a third-party applicant) will notify the Ontario Regional Office of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.</p>	

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		<p>members of the public, Aboriginal communities and other <i>interested persons</i>. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ an invitation to express interest the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; ○ a description of the next steps in the process, including open houses and other consultation opportunities; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional 		

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		<p>information, answer questions and receive comments; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings, open houses, steering committees and working groups, will be considered.</p> <p>4.3.2.2 Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental Study Report</p> <p>Notice of the proposed discretionary rehabilitation activity will be provided to the appropriate government ministries</p>		

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		<p>and agencies (including the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch), members of the public, Aboriginal communities and other <i>interested persons</i>, with a minimum 30-day (i.e., calendar days) comment period to provide input and express concerns. The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the title of the project; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ an invitation to comment on the proposed project, including the end date of the comment period; 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of the next steps in the process; ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ a statement regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information collected during the comment period as governed by the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter the aforementioned government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM thinks may be impacted by, and/or interested in, the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. Additional notification and consultation methods, including newspaper advertisements, meetings, open houses, steering committees and working groups will be considered.</p>		

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		<p>4.3.2.3 Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Study Report</p> <p>All government ministries and agencies and persons that submitted comments, the MOECC Regional Director, Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, and all Aboriginal communities that were contacted, will be notified by MNDM of the result the Class EA planning process (i.e., MNDM's decision), with a minimum 30-day comment period for new concerns to be raised (including Part II Order requests to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change). The notice will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ confirmation that the Final Environmental Study Report has been completed; ○ a summary of the project description, including potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and alternatives; ○ a map indicating the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the discretionary rehabilitation activity, as well as other relevant details, 		

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		<p>including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a description of how Category D requirements have been met; ○ a description of the purpose of the 30-day comment period (i.e., to receive additional comments, information and Part II Order requests); ○ contact information for the person who will provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments; and ○ directions about how to access a hard or electronic copy of the project file. <p>At a minimum, notification will consist of a letter to government ministries and agencies, Aboriginal communities and persons that MNDM considers may be impacted by and/or interested in the proposed project. The notice will also be posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page.</p>		

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		<p>Additional notification, including newspaper advertisements, will be provided if necessary.</p> <p>4.3.2.4 Statement of Completion</p> <p>A Statement of Completion is prepared, added to the project file and posted on MNDM's Class EA web page if, during the 30-day comment period, no Part II Order requests are received, no new comments or information require the project to be reassigned to a higher category, and no <i>individual environmental assessment</i> requirements are granted by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. The Statement of Completion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a brief summary of the project description, including a map of the location and boundary (see Section 3.1) of the project, as well as other relevant details, including existing mine hazards, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.; ○ a description of how Category D requirements were met; 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ confirmation that no Part II Order requests were received, or that any Part II Order requests that were received were withdrawn or were denied by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; and ○ a hard or electronic approval of the Statement of Completion by the responsible manager. <p>4.4 Phases</p> <p><i>The only proposed amendments to this section are related to Table 7.</i></p> <p>4.5 Coordination and Integration with Other Approval Processes</p> <p>Under certain circumstances, discretionary tenure decisions or discretionary rehabilitation activities being planned under MNDM's Class EA may require approvals under other federal, provincial and/or municipal legislation. Where appropriate, MNDM will coordinate or integrate the Class EA planning process with the other legislation or planning processes. This means that the planning for the proposed project must be undertaken</p>		

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		<p>at the same time as another regulatory approval and meet regulatory requirements jointly. Coordination or integration involves reducing duplication and notification, and sharing consultation and documentation so that the entire process is more timely and efficient.</p> <p>Occasionally there may be discretionary tenure decisions or discretionary rehabilitation activities that are also subject to another government agency's environmental assessment requirements (e.g., MNDM may need to apply for a land use permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to construct a temporary access road to an <i>abandoned mine</i> site). There may also be circumstances where there is more than one <i>proponent</i> and each <i>proponent</i> has a Class EA that applies. Proposed projects that need to be assessed under MNDM's Class EA and another Class EA will be coordinated in a manner that ensures the fulfillment of all Class EA requirements, including consultation and documentation requirements.</p>		

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		<p>Where MNDM is the <i>proponent</i> of the proposed project, MNDM will follow its Class EA. Where the project of a third party is subject to another Class EA or equivalent approval process, and the third party's project is conditional upon a <i>grant</i> or transfer from MNDM, MNDM will ensure that the requirements of its Class EA are met, where possible, by the equivalent approval process and that the <i>grant</i> or transfer by MNDM not be made until the other approval process is complete. If there is no other Class EA or equivalent process, the project will be assessed under MNDM's Class EA.</p> <p>Some of MNDM's projects may also be subject to the requirements of the <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>. For projects that may be subject to the Act, MNDM (or a third party applicant) will notify the Ontario Regional Office of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.</p>		

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39	5.1	<p>As the proponent of this Class EA, MNDM will determine the approach to consultation that is required for a project. The approach to consultation is based on the type of project, the level of public interest in the process, the existing <i>environment</i> and other circumstances.</p> <p>Consultation requirements for Category B projects, for example, are less than those of Category D projects because Category B projects are considered to be straightforward, have minor, short-term environmental effects that are well understood and predictable, and/or the expected level of public interest is nil or minimal. Consultation requirements for Category D projects, as another example, are greater because the project may be more complex, several <i>alternatives</i> may be under consideration, the environmental setting is very sensitive to disturbance, the number, significance and range of potential environmental effects are high and/or unknown, and/or the expected level of public interest is high or controversial.</p>	<p>As the proponent of this Class EA, ENDM will determine the approach to consultation that is required for a project. The approach to consultation is based on the type of project, the duration of the potential environmental effects, the level of public interest in the process, the existing <i>environment</i> and other circumstances.</p> <p>Consultation requirements for Category B projects, for example, are less than those of Category C projects because Category B projects are considered to be straightforward, have moderate, often short-term environmental effects that are well understood and predictable, and/or the expected level of public interest is nil or minimal. Consultation requirements for Category C projects, as another example, are greater because the project may be more complex, several <i>alternatives</i> may be under consideration, the environmental setting is very sensitive to disturbance, the number, significance and range of potential environmental effects are high and/or unknown, and/or the expected level of public interest is high or controversial.</p> <p>For Category C projects, ENDM will prepare (or direct a partner to prepare) a consultation plan that outlines the activities</p>	<p>The proposed changes to Section 5.1 are reflective of proposed changes to the categories and the related planning and review processes. The processes for projects with moderate or high potential negative effects have not changed.</p>

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		<p>For Category D projects, MNDM will prepare (or direct a third party applicant or partner to prepare) a consultation plan that outlines the activities that will take place during the Class EA planning process.</p> <p>The consultation plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe the general consultation methods proposed at each step of the Class EA planning process; ○ provide an outline of how input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other interested groups or individuals will be obtained; ○ describe how comments and concerns will be considered and inform decision(s); ○ describe the milestones and the sequence of events in the Class EA planning process, including when consultation will occur and when decisions will be made; and 	<p>that will take place during the Class EA planning process.</p> <p>The consultation plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe the general consultation methods proposed at each step of the Class EA planning process; ○ provide an outline of how input from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Indigenous communities, and other interested groups or individuals will be obtained; ○ describe how comments and concerns will be considered and inform decision(s); ○ describe the milestones and the sequence of events in the Class EA planning process, including when consultation will occur and when decisions will be made; and ○ describe how consultation will meet the requirements of the Class EA planning process; and ○ include other details as necessary. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe how consultation will meet the requirements of the Class EA planning process; and ○ include other details as necessary. <p>The consultation plan will be posted on MNDM's Class EA web page.</p> <p>MNDM will direct third-party applicants and partners (see Section 2.4), where applicable, to conduct public consultation, including consultation with those who are affected by the project, in a manner that is appropriate for the anticipated environmental effects.</p> <p>For Category B projects, the opportunity for affected government ministries and agencies, members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other interested groups or individuals to comment is during the comment period for the Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input. For Category C and D projects, there are multiple opportunities to express concerns, the last being the comment period for the Notice of Completion. The consultation process, including the decisions made,</p>	<p>The consultation plan will be posted on ENDM's Class EA web page.</p> <p>ENDM will direct partners (see Section 2.4), where applicable, to conduct public consultation, including consultation with those who are affected by the project, in a manner that is appropriate for the anticipated environmental effects.</p> <p>For Category B and C projects, there are multiple opportunities to express concerns, the last being the comment period for the Notice of Completion. The consultation process, including the decisions made, will be documented in a Record of Consultation. A separate Record of Consultation is required for Indigenous consultation (see Section 6.0 Indigenous Consultation).</p> <p>The Record of Consultation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe how the appropriate government ministries and agencies, members of the public, and other interested groups or individuals were identified by ENDM at the beginning of the Class EA planning process; ○ describe all notification activities (including dates and copies of all letters and emails, meeting minutes 	

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		<p>will be documented in a Record of Consultation. A separate Record of Consultation is required for Aboriginal consultation (see Section 6.0 Aboriginal Consultation).</p> <p>The Record of Consultation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe how the appropriate government ministries and agencies, members of the public, and other interested groups or individuals were identified by MNDM at the beginning of the Class EA planning process; ○ describe all notification activities (including dates and copies of all letters and emails, meeting minutes or notes, and details of follow-up phone calls); ○ describe all consultation activities that were delegated by MNDM to a third-party applicant or partner; ○ include copies of the notices and information provided; ○ describe the concerns raised in correspondence from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ or notes, and details of follow-up phone calls); ○ describe all consultation activities that were delegated by ENDM to a partner; ○ include copies of the notices and information provided; ○ describe the concerns raised in correspondence from government ministries and agencies, members of the public, and other interested groups or individuals; ○ describe dates of face-to-face meetings, lists of attendees, and concerns raised; ○ describe how concerns were addressed; ○ describe any outstanding concerns; and ○ a description of any changes that were made to the project as a result of consultation. <p>A Record of Consultation will be completed for Category B and C projects and will be</p>	

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		<p>government ministries and agencies, members of the public, and other interested groups or individuals;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describe dates of face-to-face meetings, lists of attendees, and concerns raised; ○ describe how concerns were addressed; ○ describe any outstanding concerns; and ○ a description of any changes that were made to the project as a result of consultation. <p>A Record of Consultation will be completed for Category B, C and D projects and will be added to the project file. A template for the Record of Consultation is included in Appendix 8.</p> <p>Mandatory contact points are described Section 4.0. The contact points described the minimum level of effort that MNDM will undertake or direct a third-party applicant to undertake. Additional or extended</p>	<p>added to the project file. A template for the Record of Consultation is included in Appendix 7.</p> <p>Mandatory contact points are described Section 4.0. The contact points described the minimum level of effort that ENDM will undertake. Additional or extended notification and consultation with <i>interested persons</i> or groups and/or Indigenous communities may be required, especially for controversial, long-term (i.e., multi-year) or complex projects.</p> <p>Communication should continue to play an important role during any further design or implementation stages, while seeking other regulatory approvals, and during construction, operation, decommissioning and monitoring, as required.</p>	

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		<p>notification and consultation with <i>interested persons</i> or groups and/or Aboriginal communities may be required, especially for controversial, long-term (i.e., multi-year) or complex projects.</p> <p>Communication should continue to play an important role during any further design or implementation stages, while seeking other regulatory approvals, and during construction, operation, decommissioning and monitoring, as required.</p>		
40	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), 5.0, fourth to seventh paragraphs	<p>The identification of known and/or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i> is determined through the completion of the screening checklists in Schedule A (Screening for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes) and Schedule B (Screening for Archaeological Resources) of this appendix. The results of those screening checklists will inform the completion of the Part 2 screening criteria (Section 3.1.1.3 and Table 6 of the Class EA).</p> <p>The results of the Part 2 screening, which includes screening for known and/or potential <i>cultural heritage</i></p>	<p>The identification of known and/or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i> is determined through the completion of the screening checklists in Schedule A (Screening for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes) and Schedule B (Screening for Archaeological Resources) of this appendix. The results of those screening checklists will inform the completion of the project screening (Section 3.1.2 and Table 5 of the Class EA).</p> <p>The results of the project screening, which includes screening for known and/or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i>, as well as consideration of the anticipated level of public interest (Section 3.1.2 of the Class</p>	<p>The proposed changes to Section 5.0 of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process. <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process (Appendix 3 of the Class EA) will only be applicable for discretionary tenure decisions that are not pre-</p>

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		<p><i>resources</i>, as well as consideration of the anticipated level of public interest (Section 3.1.2 of Class EA), enable MNDM to assign a proposed project to the appropriate category (Section 3.2 of the Class EA). All activities that undergo the Part 2 screening are, at a minimum, assigned to Category B (Section 3.2.2 of Class EA).</p> <p>For MNDM’s discretionary rehabilitation activities, project screening and any initial <i>technical cultural heritage studies</i> should be done at the earliest stages of work planning for proposed projects. For discretionary tenure decisions, the screening will be undertaken when an application from a third party (Section 2.4.2 of Class EA) is received.</p> <p>Defining the boundary of the proposed study area is part of the screening process. For discretionary tenure decisions the entire area of the proposed land <i>disposition</i> is to be screened. For discretionary rehabilitation activities the immediate area of the <i>mine hazard(s)</i>, including all areas to be impacted by rehabilitation, plus an appropriate</p>	<p>EA), enable ENDM to assign a proposed project to the appropriate category (Section 3.2 of the Class EA).</p> <p>For ENDM’s discretionary rehabilitation activities that are assigned to Category B or C (sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the Class EA) project screening and any initial <i>technical cultural heritage studies</i> should be done at the earliest stages of work planning for proposed projects.</p> <p>Defining the boundary of the proposed study area is part of the screening process. For discretionary rehabilitation activities the immediate area of the <i>mine hazard(s)</i>, including all areas to be impacted by rehabilitation, plus an appropriate buffer around the rehabilitation activity, is to be screened. The buffer is determined by ENDM based on the nature of the hazard, the specific rehabilitation measures being considered, and the magnitude of the potential environmental effects.</p>	<p>assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions has been removed from Section 5.0 of Appendix 3 because it is no longer applicable.</p> <p>ENDM will work with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) on changes to the Heritage Management Process. For all discretionary activities where there may be uncertainty about potential impacts or public interest (e.g., surface rights lease of lands containing known archaeological resources or built heritage) ENDM can opt to complete a full screening, issue a “Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process”, and/or consult directly with MHSTCI.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM has consultation requirements that are outside of the Class EA process (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights leases issued under the <i>Mining Act</i>).</p>

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		buffer around the rehabilitation activity, is to be screened. The buffer is determined by MNDM based on the nature of the hazard, the specific rehabilitation measures being considered, and the magnitude of the potential environmental effects.		
41	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), 5.1.1	<p>For discretionary rehabilitation activities or permissions to test mineral content (<i>bulk samples</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If MNDM concludes that the proposed project may impact potential cultural heritage resources MNDM will hire (or will direct a third party or partner to hire) a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (see Section 7.0). ○ If MNDM concludes that the proposed project may impact known (i.e., recognized) <i>cultural heritage resources</i>, MNDM will hire (or will direct a third party or partner to hire) a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment Report (see Section 8.2). <p>For discretionary tenure decisions other than <i>bulk samples</i>:</p>	<p>For discretionary rehabilitation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If ENDM concludes that the proposed project may impact potential cultural heritage resources ENDM will hire (or will direct a partner to hire) a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (see Section 7.0). ○ If ENDM concludes that the proposed project may impact known (i.e., recognized) <i>cultural heritage resources</i>, ENDM will hire (or will direct a partner to hire) a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment Report (see Section 8.2). <p>If ENDM concludes that there is no possibility of the proposed project impacting known or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i>, ENDM will summarize this conclusion and include it in the project file. The summary should include the answers to the relevant questions in the checklists</p>	<p>The proposed changes to Section 5.1.1 of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process. <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process will only be applicable for discretionary tenure decisions that are not pre-assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions, including references to third-party applicants, has been removed from Section 5.1.1 of Appendix 3 because it is no longer applicable.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If MNDM concludes that there are potential cultural heritage resources within the boundary of the proposed project that may be impacted by the activities described in the third party's application MNDM will direct the third party to hire a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report. ○ If MNDM concludes that there are known cultural heritage resources within the boundary of the proposed project that may be impacted by the activities described in the third party's application MNDM will direct the third party to hire a <i>qualified person</i> to prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment. ○ If MNDM concludes that there are known or potential cultural heritage resources within the boundary of the proposed project that may be impacted by future activities MNDM will advise the third party of this conclusion and will include certain conditions in the approval conditions regarding 	<p>and be supported by documentation such as: a map showing the location and boundary (see Section 5.0) of the proposed study area (as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.), copies of responses received from the appropriate authorities, printouts or screenshots of database query results, and historical source materials.</p>	<p>ENDM will work with the Ministry of Heritage, Tourism, Sport and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) on changes to the Heritage Management Process. For all discretionary activities where there may be uncertainty about potential impacts or public interest (e.g., surface rights lease of lands containing known archaeological resources or built heritage) ENDM can opt to complete a full screening, issue a "Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process", and/or consult directly with MHSTCI.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM has consultation requirements that are outside of the Class EA process (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights leases issued under the <i>Mining Act</i>).</p>

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		<p>future activities (e.g., requirement for a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and/or a Heritage Impact assessment prior to any direct or indirect impacts).</p> <p>If MNDM concludes that there is no possibility of the proposed project impacting known or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i>, MNDM will summarize this conclusion and include it in the project file. The summary should include the answers to the relevant questions in the checklists and be supported by documentation such as: a map showing the location and boundary (see Section 5.0) of the proposed study area (as well as other relevant details, including existing <i>mine hazards</i>, nearby communities, structures, natural features (e.g., water bodies), sensitive features, etc.), copies of responses received from the appropriate authorities, printouts or screenshots of database query results, and historical source materials.</p>		

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42	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), 5.2.1, second paragraph	<p>Alternatively, MNDM (or a third party or partner) may avoid impacts to known or potential <i>archaeological resources</i> by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (for discretionary tenure decisions only) modifying the boundary of the proposed project to exclude the area deemed to have known or potential for <i>archaeological resources</i>; or <p>redesigning or relocating the proposed project and/or modifying components of the proposed project to avoid impacts to known or potential <i>archaeological resources</i>.</p>	<p>Alternatively, ENDM (or a partner) may avoid impacts to known or potential <i>archaeological resources</i> by redesigning or relocating the proposed project and/or modifying components of the proposed project to avoid impacts to known or potential <i>archaeological resources</i>.</p>	<p>The proposed changes to Section 5.2.1 of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process. <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process will only be applicable for discretionary tenure decisions that are not pre-assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions has been removed from Section 5.2.1 of because it is no longer applicable.</p> <p>ENDM will work with MHSTCI on changes to the Heritage Management Process. For all discretionary activities where there may be uncertainty about potential impacts or public interest (e.g., surface rights lease of lands containing known archaeological resources or built heritage) ENDM can opt to complete a full screening, issue a “Notice</p>

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				<p>Requesting Input into a Screening Process”, and/or consult directly with MHSTCI.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM has consultation requirements that are outside of the Class EA process (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights leases issued under the <i>Mining Act</i>).</p>
43	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), 10.0, first paragraph	If a site or part of a site contains cultural heritage resources of provincial significance under Ontario Regulation 10/06 MNDM will notify MTCS in writing before approving any discretionary tenure. MTCS may recommend that the site or the relevant part thereof not be subject of a discretionary tenure decision by MNDM.	<i>Delete paragraph</i>	<p>The proposed changes to Section 10.0 of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process. <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process will only be applicable for discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not pre-assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions has been removed from Section 10.0 because it is no longer applicable.</p>

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				<p>ENDM will work with MHSTCI on changes to the Heritage Management Process. For all discretionary activities where there may be uncertainty about potential impacts or public interest (e.g., surface rights lease of lands containing known archaeological resources or built heritage) ENDM can opt to complete a full screening, issue a “Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process”, and/or consult directly with MHSTCI.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM has consultation requirements that are outside of the Class EA process (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights leases issued under the <i>Mining Act</i>).</p>

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44	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), Schedule A, screening table	<p><i>Eighth row (p.123):</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to any of the above questions, continue to Part B: Screening for Recognized Cultural Heritage Value.</p> <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is low potential for impacts to built heritage or cultural heritage landscapes. ○ For discretionary rehabilitation activities and permissions to test mineral content (<i>bulk samples</i>): it is not necessary to complete the remaining questions in the checklist. MNDM will summarize this conclusion and add this checklist to the project file, with appropriate documentation demonstrating that no impacts will occur. <p>For discretionary tenure decisions other than <i>bulk samples</i>: MNDM will update the project file as described above. In addition, MNDM will determine whether conditions regarding future activities will be included in the approval instrument by</p>	<p><i>Eighth row:</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to any of the above questions, continue to Part B: Screening for Recognized Cultural Heritage Value.</p> <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is low potential for impacts to built heritage or cultural heritage landscapes. <p>It is not necessary to complete the remaining questions in the checklist. ENDM will summarize this conclusion and add this checklist to the project file, with appropriate documentation demonstrating that no impacts will occur.</p> <p><i>Twenty-sixth row:</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to any of the above questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has previously been prepared, a Heritage Impact Assessment report is required (see Section 8.0 Heritage Impact Assessment). ○ If a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has not previously been prepared, a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is required (see 	<p>The proposed changes to Schedule A of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process; <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process will only be applicable for discretionary tenure decisions that are not pre-assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions has been removed from Schedule A because it is no longer applicable.</p> <p>ENDM will work with MHSTCI on changes to the Heritage Management Process. For all discretionary activities where there may be uncertainty about potential impacts or public interest (e.g., surface rights lease of lands containing known archaeological resources or built heritage) ENDM can opt to complete a full screening, issue a “Notice</p>

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		<p>continuing to Part B: Screening for Recognized Cultural Heritage Value.</p> <p><i>Twenty-sixth row (p.127)</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to any of the above questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has previously been prepared, a Heritage Impact Assessment report is required (see Section 8.0 Heritage Impact Assessment). ○ If a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has not previously been prepared, a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is required (see Section 7.0 Cultural Heritage Resource Evaluation). ○ For discretionary tenure decisions other than <i>bulk samples</i> that may have future direct or indirect impacts (i.e., you answered NO in question 2), MNDM will include this information in the project file, continue with project screening and planning, and will include 	<p>Section 7.0 Cultural Heritage Resource Evaluation).</p> <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions continue to Part C: Screening for Potential Cultural Heritage Value.</p> <p><i>Thirty-sixth row:</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to one or more of the above questions (parts C and D):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is potential for <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. ○ A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is required. ENDM will include this information in the project file and continue with project screening and/or planning as required. <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions, there is low potential for impacts to <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. ENDM will summarize this conclusion and add it and all related documentation to the project file and will proceed with project screening and/or planning as required.</p>	<p>Requesting Input into a Screening Process”, and/or consult directly with MHSTCI.</p> <p>It should also be noted that ENDM has consultation requirements that are outside of the Class EA process (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights leases issued under the <i>Mining Act</i>).</p>

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		<p>the appropriate conditions in the approval instrument.</p> <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions continue to Part C: Screening for Potential Cultural Heritage Value.</p> <p><i>Thirty-sixth row (p.129):</i></p> <p>If you answered YES to one or more of the above questions (parts C and D):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is potential for <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. ○ A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is required. MNDM will include this information in the project file and continue with project screening and/or planning as required. ○ For discretionary tenure decisions other than <i>bulk samples</i> that may have future direct or indirect impacts (i.e., answered NO in question 2), a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is not required at this time. MNDM will include this information in the project file, continue with project screening and planning, and will include 		

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		<p>the appropriate conditions in the approval instrument.</p> <p>If you answered NO to all of the above questions, there is low potential for impacts to <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. MNDM will summarize this conclusion and add it and all related documentation to the project file and will proceed with project screening and/or planning as required.</p>		

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45	Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process), Schedule F	See pages 147-148 of Class EA for Schedule F: Built Heritage / Cultural Heritage Landscapes and Archaeological Resources processes	See Appendix 7 of this document for amended Schedule F: Built Heritage / Cultural Heritage Landscapes and Archaeological Resources processes	<p>The proposed changes to Schedule F of Appendix 3 (Heritage Management Process) are reflective of proposed amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertakings subject to the Class EA; and • the screening and categorization process; <p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). This would mean that the Heritage Management Process will only be applicable for discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not pre-assigned to a Category A. Language related to discretionary tenure decisions has been removed from Schedule F because it is no longer applicable.</p>
46	Appendix 4 (Screening Procedure)	MNDM's Class EA screening process is used to assess the level of potential environmental effects of a proposed project. The steps in the screening process (per Section 3.1) are listed below. Section 2.2 and Table 1 list all of MNDM's discretionary activities that are subject to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> .	ENDM's Class EA screening process is used to assess the level of potential environmental effects of a proposed project. The steps in the screening process (per Section 3.1) are listed below. Section 2.2 and Table 1 list all of ENDM's discretionary activities that are subject to the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> .	ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). ENDM is also proposing changes to its project screening process to ensure there is better alignment between the level of assessment and the level of environmental risk associated with a project. The amended description of the

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		<p>Discretionary activities that are strictly “administrative” in nature and which do not change a land use that is permitted under existing <i>mining rights</i> are listed in Table 4; these decisions have no potential environmental effects and are pre-assigned to Category A. MNDM’s <i>emergency undertakings</i> (see Section 7.4) and <i>maintenance</i> activities are also pre-assigned to Category A.</p> <p>The screening process for all other projects is made up of two sequential parts that are used to determine the level of effect on the environment (tables 5 and 6 and sections 3.1.1.2 and 3.1.1.3). The screening process for most discretionary activities starts at the Part 1 screening criteria (Table 5) and, if necessary, proceeds to the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6). The screening process for permissions to test mineral content (bulk samples) and discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not emergencies or maintenance activities starts at the Part 2 screening criteria (Table 6). MNDM will document the screening process and decision-making rationale for every activity and include it in the project file.</p>	<p>Discretionary activities listed in Table 4 (Section 3.1.1) are pre-assigned to Category A because they are either administrative in nature or are unlikely to result in negative environmental effects. Most of these activities are discretionary tenure decisions which are low-risk activities that are not likely to result in negative environmental effects. Table 4 also includes low-risk discretionary rehabilitation activities of a routine nature (maintenance activities and installing temporary fencing or warning signs).</p> <p>ENDM applies the screening criteria (Table 5, section 3.1.1.1) to determine a proposed project’s level of effect on the environment and to identify any <i>mitigation measures</i> that may be necessary. For any criterion where there is a potential negative effect, the cause, degree of effect, and <i>mitigation measures</i> that can be used to eliminate or reduce the effect are considered and documented. The results of the screening, and consideration of the anticipated level of public interest (Section 3.1.2) will enable ENDM to assign the proposed project to the appropriate category. The purpose of the categories is to provide a streamlined planning and project review process projects that is appropriate for their potential</p>	<p>screening process reflects both the proposed exemption of discretionary tenure decisions the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> and the proposed new risk-based approach to screening and categorizing projects.</p>

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		<p>Procedure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross reference the proposed project with Table 4 to determine if it is a pre-screened project. If so, proceed to step 2. If not, proceed to step 3. 2. Proceed with planning and consultation requirements, per sections 3.2., 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0. 3. Screen the proposed project according to the Part 1 screening criteria in Table 5 of Section 3.1.1.2 to determine if it is a Category A project. If so, proceed to step 2. If it not, further screening is required. Proceed to steps 4 through 8. 4. Prepare a description of the proposed project, with reference to the appropriate section of the <i>Mining Act</i>, if applicable. 5. Screen the project according to the Part 2 screening criteria in Table 6 of Section 3.1.1.3. Consultation with internal and external subject-matter experts may be required to complete the screening. Note: MNDM identifies known and/or 	<p>environmental effects. ENDM will document the screening process and decision-making rationale for every activity and include it in the project file.</p> <p>Procedure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a description of the proposed project. 2. Cross reference the proposed project with Table 4 to determine if it is pre-assigned to Category A. If not, proceed to step 3. If it is a Category A project, proceed to step 4. 3. Screen the proposed project according to screening criteria in Table 5 to identify potential environmental effects. Consultation with subject-matter and/or program-area experts within ENDM and/or other ministries may be required to complete the screening. This step includes completion of the screening checklists in Schedule A (“Screening for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes”) and Schedule B (“Screening for Archaeological Resources”) of Appendix 3, to identify known and/or potential <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. 	

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		<p>potential cultural heritage resources by completing the screening checklists in Schedule A (“Screening for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes”) and Schedule B (“Screening for Archaeological Resources”) of Appendix 3.</p> <p>6. Assign the project to the appropriate category (Section 3.2.2, 3.2.3 or 3.2.4 as appropriate) and document the decision on the project file.</p> <p>7. Supervisor or Environmental Assessment Coordinator will confirm or modify category and sign off on the screening form.</p> <p>Proceed with planning and consultation requirements, per sections 3.2, 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0.</p>	<p>4. Assign the project to the appropriate category (Section 3.2 as appropriate) and document the decision in the project file.</p> <p>5. The Environmental Planner (Mineral Development Branch) and the relevant section supervisor will confirm or modify the screening and/or category and sign off on the screening form.</p> <p>Proceed with planning and consultation requirements, per sections 3.2, 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0.</p>	

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47	Appendix 5 (Templates)	<p><i>List of Appendix 5 Templates:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category B or C Project 2. Notice of Completion for a Category C Project 3. Statement of Completion for a Category B Project 4. Statement of Completion for a Category C or D Project 5. Notice of Commencement for a Category D Project 6. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental Study Report 7. Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Study Report 8. Notice of Filing an Addendum on a Category B Project 9. Revised Notice of Completion on a Category C or D Project (Addendum) 10. Notice of Intention to Proceed with a Category B Project after Five Years 11. Notice of Intention to Proceed with a Category C or D Project after Five Years 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notifying the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks of Class EA Projects 2. Notice Requesting Input into Project Screening 3. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category B Project 4. Notice of Completion for a Category B Project 5. Statement of Completion for a Category B or C Project 6. Notice of Commencement for a Category C Project 7. Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on the Draft Environmental Study Report 8. Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Study Report 9. Revised Notice of Completion on a Category B or C Project (Addendum) 10. Notice of Intention to Proceed with a Category B or C Project after Five Years <p><i>See Appendix 4 of this document for new Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process template.</i></p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). ENDM is also proposing changes to its project screening and categorization processes to ensure there is better alignment between the level of assessment and the level of environmental risk associated with a project.</p> <p>The contents of the amended templates also reflect the proposed exemption of discretionary tenure decisions from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>: as consultation processes would only be applicable to discretionary rehabilitation activities, references to discretionary tenure decisions are no longer applicable and have been removed.</p> <p>The titles and contents of the templates are being amended to reflect the proposed reduction in number of categories (while retaining the processes for current Category C and D processes). The proposed amendments to the Class EA categories would mean that ENDM would formally consult (under the Class EA) on only those projects that may have moderate or high</p>

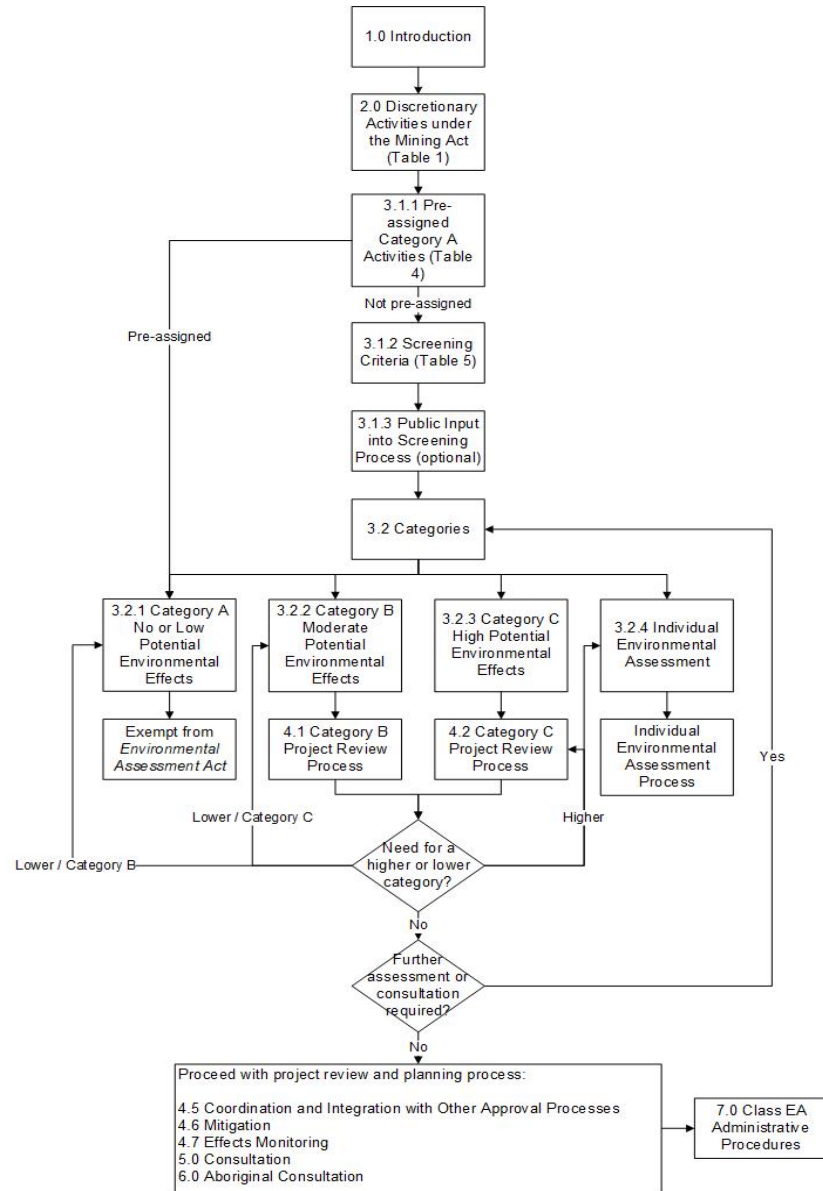
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				<p>potential negative environmental effects. Templates and language related to the current “Category B” process would no longer be applicable and have been removed or adjusted accordingly. (It should be noted that ENDM has other, sometimes extensive, consultation requirements outside of the Class EA (e.g., for exploration permits and surface rights only leases).</p> <p>The list of templates also reflects the addition of a new “Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process” consultation process that would allow ENDM to consult on whether a proposed project is suitable for assigning to a Category A, or if it should be assessed at a higher category.</p>
48	Appendix 6 (Examples of Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures), 1.0	<p>This appendix provides examples of potential environmental effects and <i>mitigation measures</i> associated with MNDM’s discretionary tenure decisions and discretionary rehabilitation activities. MNDM’s <i>undertakings</i> are listed in tables 1 and 3 of the Class EA.</p> <p>As discussed in Section 2.5 of the Class EA, the potential environmental effects of an activity will vary based on the location, history, and environmental</p>	<p>This appendix provides examples of potential environmental effects and <i>mitigation measures</i> associated with ENDM’s discretionary rehabilitation activities. ENDM’s <i>undertakings</i> are listed in tables 1 and 3 of the Class EA.</p> <p>As discussed in Section 2.5 of the Class EA, the potential environmental effects of an activity will vary based on the location, history, and environmental setting of a particular site, as well as the size, scale and</p>	<p>ENDM is proposing that all discretionary tenure decisions be made exempt from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (i.e., be Category A activities). The amendments to Section 1.0 of Appendix 6 reflect the proposed exemption of discretionary tenure decisions from the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. For pre-assigned Category A projects, ENDM may proceed immediately with notification and implementation without further screening or assessment.</p>

Amendment #	Section	Current Text	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
		<p>setting of a particular site, as well as the size, scale and nature of the project itself. MNDM's <i>undertakings</i> range from having nil to very minor potential negative effects (i.e., Category A or B activities) to moderate or significant potential negative effects (i.e., Category C or D activities) that need to be considered.</p> <p>As noted in Section 4.6 of the Class EA, the majority of MNDM's <i>undertakings</i> covered by the Class EA should be either administrative in nature or produce short-term negative effects that are easily mitigated by regulatory requirements and other instruments. Category A activities will not require the application of <i>mitigation measures</i>. These activities include the pre-screened discretionary tenure decisions listed in Table 4 of the Class EA and activities that screen to a Category A by applying the Part 1 screening criteria in Table 5 of the Class EA.</p> <p>Activities that may have environmental effects and which may require the application of <i>mitigation measures</i> are listed in the table below.</p>	<p>nature of the project itself. ENDM's <i>undertakings</i> range from having nil to very low potential negative effects (i.e., Category A) to moderate or significant potential negative effects (i.e., Category B or C activities) that need to be considered.</p> <p>As noted in Section 4.5 of the Class EA, the majority of ENDM's <i>undertakings</i> covered by the Class EA should be either administrative in nature or have minimal negative effects that are easily mitigated by regulatory requirements and other instruments. Category A activities may require the application of <i>mitigation measures</i> (e.g., fencing or capping an abandoned mine shaft that has existing road access, addressing potential impacts to species at risk by conducting activities within a specified time window, applying best management practices for reducing disturbances and emissions, modifying a project boundary to eliminate impacts to sensitive features). These activities include the pre-assigned discretionary activities listed in Table 4 of the Class EA and activities that screen to a Category A by applying the screening criteria in Table 5 of the Class EA.</p>	<p>Descriptions of screening and applying mitigation measures discretionary tenure decisions would no longer be applicable and have been removed.</p> <p>ENDM is also proposing changes to its project screening and categorization processes to ensure there is better alignment between the level of assessment and the level of environmental risk associated with a project. The application of mitigation measures to discretionary rehabilitation activities is a part of the screening process; the amended description of the screening process reflects the proposed new risk-based approach to screening and categorizing projects.</p>

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		<p>Table 1: Non-Category A Discretionary Activities</p> <p><i>Table 1 not included; see pages 169-178 of Class EA.</i></p>	<p>Discretionary rehabilitation activities that are not listed as a pre-assigned activity in Table 4 of the Class EA may have potential negative environmental effects which may require the application of <i>mitigation measures</i>.</p>	
49	General	--	<p>All references to table numbers, section numbers, and category letters throughout the Class EA will be replaced with the appropriate number or letter as appropriate.</p> <p>All references to discretionary tenure decisions with respect to Category B and C projects will be deleted. In addition, all references to project categories will be amended to reflect changes to the Class EA categories.</p>	--

Appendices

Appendix 1: Figure 1 (Overview of ENDM's Class Environmental Assessment Process)



Appendix 2: Table 4 (Pre-assigned Category A Activities)

Mining Act Section	Description	Category A Undertaking
4. (1) or 147. (2)	Rehabilitation activities: <i>maintenance</i>	Actions taken by ENDM to address the deterioration of a pre-existing control(s) around a mine hazard(s) where the existing footprint remains unchanged and there is little risk for public concern or negative environmental effects (e.g., there is existing access to the mine hazard, there are no impacts to species at risk or <i>cultural heritage resources</i>). Examples include: replacing hazard warning signs, fences or shaft caps; backfilling previously filled shafts, trenches, etc.; repairing tailings dam structures; clearing debris out of spillways; operation and/or repair of a treatment works; upgrading a fence or shaft cap barrier through backfilling, etc.
4. (1) and 147. (2)	Installation of temporary fencing or hazard warning signs.	The installation of new warning signs and temporary fencing (e.g., snow fence) around the perimeter of a <i>mine hazard</i> as a “first response” by ENDM to provide warning of dangerous conditions and discourage access.
29. (1) and (2)	Lands not open for <i>mining claim</i> registration without the consent of the Minister	Lands that may not be open for <i>mining claim registration</i> include: lots within a registered plan of subdivision, residential cottage lots, airports, and railways. Over time, land uses change, and these restricted lands may no longer contain operating airports, planned subdivisions, etc. These lands may be opened for <i>mining claim registration</i> by the Minister’s consent, if appropriate. If a <i>mining claim</i> has already been registered, this allows lands to be added to the <i>mining claim</i> .

Mining Act Section	Description	Category A Undertaking
39. (2)	<i>Surface rights</i> for <i>mining claim</i> on agricultural lands	If the surface rights for agricultural lands are held by the Crown (and are therefore not being presently used for agricultural purposes), the mining claim holder can request the surface rights. The Minister may determine the part of the surface rights that are necessary for carrying out exploration activities and may sell or award all or part of the surface rights to the claim holder.
41. (3)	Termination of <i>licence of occupation</i> for rent arrears	Where payment of rental is in arrears two years or more, the licence may be terminated.
41. (6)	Exchange of a <i>mining licence of occupation</i> for a <i>mining lease</i>	A <i>mining licence of occupation</i> is exchanged for a <i>mining lease</i> with no change in <i>mining rights</i> .
52. (1) and (4)	Permission to test and/or dispose of mineral content (<i>bulk sample</i>)	The Minister's permission to remove, test and/or dispose of a prescribed quantity (i.e., between 100 and 1,000 tonnes) of a mineral bearing substance from a <i>mining claim</i> is granted to the <i>claim holder</i> .
53. (1) and (2)	Disposition of <i>Crown-owned</i> chattels	<i>Chattels</i> on lands that revert to the <i>Crown</i> become <i>Crown</i> property and may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Minister. The Minister may order that a subsequent <i>mining claim</i> holder of these reverted lands can have the rights to the <i>chattels</i> .
80. (1)	Reduction in size of claim where less than the prescribed area is necessary	<i>Surface rights</i> within a <i>mining claim</i> are removed from the claim.
80. (2)	Exclusion of part of <i>surface rights</i> from <i>mining claim</i>	Previously-held <i>surface rights</i> are removed from a <i>mining claim</i> .

Mining Act Section	Description	Category A Undertaking
81. (10)	Termination of 21-year <i>mining lease</i> for rent arrears	Where payment of rental is in arrears of two years or more, the lease may be terminated.
82. (5)	Termination of ten-year lease for rent arrears	Where payment of rental is in arrears of two years or more, the licence may be terminated.
83. (1)	Exchange of lease for one or more replacement leases	A single <i>mining lease</i> is exchanged for one or more <i>mining leases</i> within the same area, with no new <i>mining rights</i> being issued.
84. (1)	<i>Surface rights</i> lease	<i>Surface rights</i> within or outside a <i>mining rights</i> lease are granted to the lease holder.
93.	Cancellation of erroneous patents	An error on the mining title document is corrected, with no change in <i>mining rights</i> .
94.	Annulment of survey or subdivision and issuance of revised description	The legal description on the mining title document is amended to remove the reference to the annulled survey, with no change in <i>mining rights</i> .
145. (2); 153.2 (4)(a)	Realization of <i>financial assurance</i> /security to carry out rehabilitation measures	The <i>financial assurance</i> or security that was provided as part of a <i>closure plan</i> is used by ENDM to carry out rehabilitation measures.
176. (3)	Issuance or validation of <i>mining lease(s)</i> , <i>licence(s) of occupation</i> , patents, etc., under an Order-in-Council	In special circumstances the Minister may, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, issue or validate <i>mining lands</i> or <i>mining rights</i> on such terms and conditions as the Minister considers appropriate.

Mining Act Section	Description	Category A Undertaking
183. (1)	Voluntary surrender of <i>mining lands</i>	The owner, lessee or holder of any <i>mining rights</i> or <i>mining lands</i> may surrender their lands and rights to the Crown subject to the terms set by the Minister.
184. (4)	Transfer of forfeited “interest” to co-owner of <i>mining rights</i>	Even though the <i>mining lands</i> or rights have been forfeited to the <i>Crown</i> , the existing co-owner can continue to exercise <i>mining rights</i> while applying to ENDM for the forfeited “interest.”
197. (3)	Forfeiture of <i>mining patent</i> for tax arrears	Where payment of taxes is in arrears of two years or more, the <i>mining patent</i> may be forfeited.

Appendix 1: Revised Category B Notice of Completion Template, Category C Notice of Final Environmental Study Report Template and Category B or C Revised Notice of Completion (Addendum) Template

These templates are amended per MECP's standardized language for Part II Order requests.

Category B Notice of Completion Template:

Notice of Completion for a Category B Project

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

RE: <project name>

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) has completed its assessment of its proposal to <summarize project; include reference map>.

The Category B screening, consultation and planning was carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for ENDM's Activities under the Mining Act* (Class EA).

<Describe any potential negative environmental effects and the associated mitigation measures>.

<Describe consultation opportunities, open houses, etc., if appropriate.>

The project documentation for this proposed project is available at < insert Class EA web page URL and, if appropriate, viewing location >.

You are invited to bring any new information or concerns to ENDM by <minimum 30 calendar days>. For any concerns that cannot be resolved in discussion with ENDM, *interested persons* may submit a Part II Order request (see Section 7.5 Part II Order Process of ENDM's Class EA) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. To request a Part II Order, a person must complete the mandatory form titled "Part II Order Request Form", which can be found in the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository (Form 012-2206E on www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca), and submit it to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Requests must be received by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by <date>, with a copies to ENDM and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch (MECP), .

To receive additional information, inspect the project file or submit new concerns regarding the project, please contact:

Name, position, department/section

Address**Phone number, fax number, email address**

After <date>, if ENDM is satisfied that there are no outstanding concerns, the project will be implemented as planned without additional notice.

Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by ENDM under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose of engaging in public consultation and making decisions regarding the project. The personal information may also be shared with the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the person listed above.

Category C Notice of Final Environmental Study Report Template:

Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Study Report

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

RE: <project name>

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) has completed its assessment of its proposal to <summarize project>. A Final Environmental Study Report has been developed in order to <purpose of Final Environmental Study Report>.

<Insert map>

The Category C Final Environmental Study Report was carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for ENDM's Activities under the Mining Act* (Class EA).

<Describe any potential negative environmental effects, the associated mitigation measures and alternatives considered>.

<Describe consultation opportunities, open houses, etc.>

The project documentation for this proposed project is available at < insert Class EA web page URL and viewing location>.

You are invited to bring any new information or concerns to ENDM by <minimum 30 calendar days>. For any concerns that cannot be resolved in discussion with ENDM, *interested persons* may submit a Part II Order request (see Section 7.5 Part II Order Process of ENDM's Class EA) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. To request a Part II Order, a person must complete the mandatory form titled "Part II Order Request Form", which can be found in the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository (Form 012-2206E on www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca), and submit it to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Requests must be received by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by <date>, with copies to ENDM and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch (MECP).

To receive additional information or a copy of the Final Environmental Study Report, or to submit new concerns regarding the project, please contact:

Name, position, department/section

Address

Phone number, fax number, email address

After <date>, if ENDM is satisfied that there are no outstanding concerns, the project will be implemented as planned without additional notice.

Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by the ENDM under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose of engaging in public consultation and making decisions regarding the project. The personal information may also be shared with the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the person listed above.

Category B or C Revised Notice of Completion (Addendum) Template:

Revised Notice of Completion for a Category B or C Project

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

RE: <project name>

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) completed its assessment of its **OR <applicant's name>**'s proposal to **<summarize project; include reference map>** on **<date of filing Statement of Completion>**.

<Describe rationale for change>

ENDM has determined that there are no changes to any potential negative environmental effects, level of public or agency concern, and no new potential negative or unknown environmental effects, **<Add additional details as necessary.>**

The project documentation for this proposed project is available at **< insert Class EA web page URL and, if appropriate, viewing location>**.

You are invited to provide input and express any concerns about this proposed project. Comments must be received by **<minimum 30 calendar days>**. To receive additional information, inspect the project file **OR** a copy of the revised Final Environmental Study Report, or submit comments, please contact:

Name, position, department/section

Address

Phone number, fax number, email address

For any concerns that cannot be resolved in discussion with ENDM, *interested persons* may submit a Part II Order request (see Section 7.5 Part II Order Process of ENDM's Class EA) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. To request a Part II Order, a person must complete the mandatory form titled "Part II Order Request Form", which can be found in the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository (Form 012-2206E on www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca), and submit it to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Requests must be received by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by **<date>**, with copies to ENDM and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch (MECP).

After **<date>**, if ENDM is satisfied that there are no outstanding concerns, the project will be implemented as planned without additional notice.

Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by ENDM under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose of engaging in public consultation and making decisions regarding the project. The personal information may also be shared with the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate

Change. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the person listed above.

Appendix 3: Notice Requesting Input into a Project Screening

This template is proposed to be added to Appendix 5 (templates) of the Class EA

Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

RE: <project name>

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) is proposing to <summarize project; include reference map >.

A project screening for this proposal is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for ENDM's Activities under the Mining Act* (Class EA) to assign this project to an appropriate category for evaluation. The assigned category determines the level of evaluation, planning and decision-making that is required. Minimal adverse environmental effects are anticipated, and the proposed project has been tentatively assigned to Category A. ENDM is requesting input to determine the level of public interest in this project before making a final decision about the category.

You are invited to provide input and express any concerns about this project screening. Comments must be received by <minimum 30 calendar days>. The project documentation for this project screening is available at <insert Class EA web page URL>.

If, based on the input received, ENDM assigns the proposed project to a Category A, ENDM will proceed immediately with implementation without further notice. If ENDM assigns the proposed project to a Category B, this notice will serve as the first of two mandatory notices. The second mandatory notice would be a Notice of Completion, which would have a minimum 30-day comment period for new concerns to be raised. The Notice of Completion would be sent to all persons who submitted comments and all Indigenous communities that received the Notice Requesting Input into a Screening Process.

For more information, or to submit comments on the project, please contact:

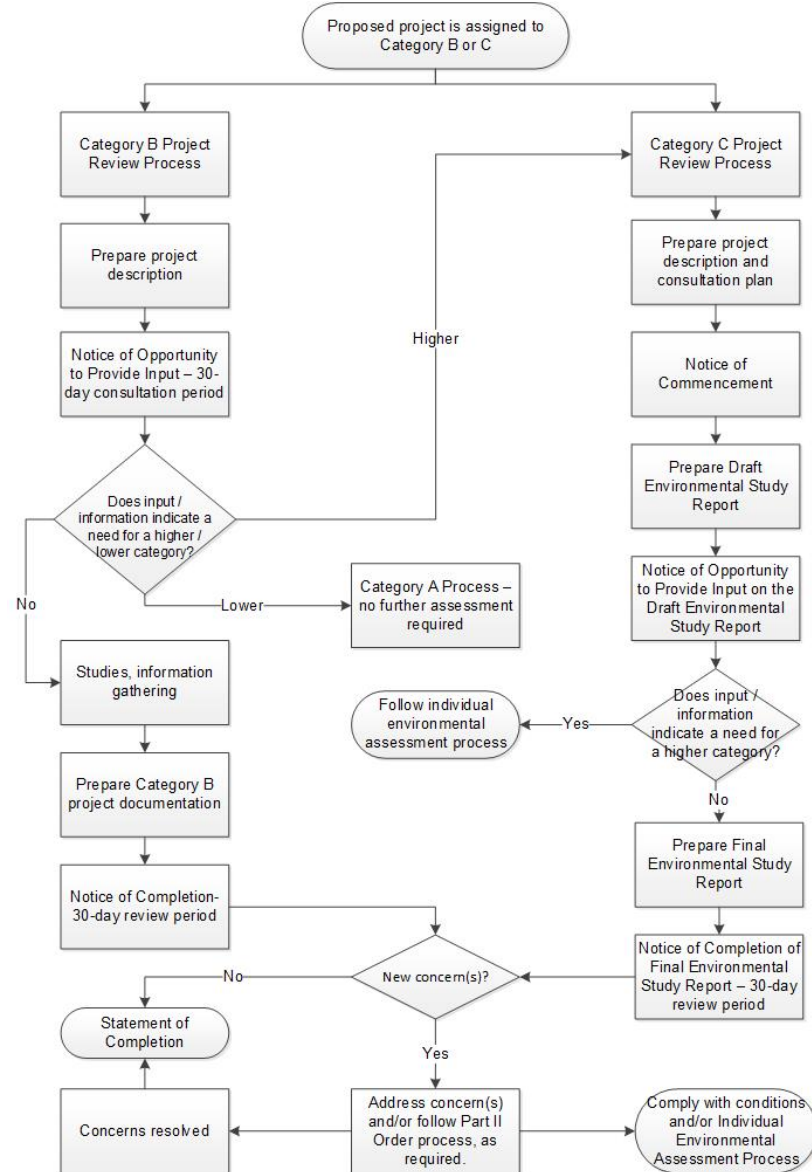
Name, position, department/section

Address

Phone number, fax number, email address

Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by ENDM under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose of engaging in public consultation and making decisions regarding the project. The personal information may also be shared with the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the person listed above.

Appendix 4: Figure 2 (Project Review Process)

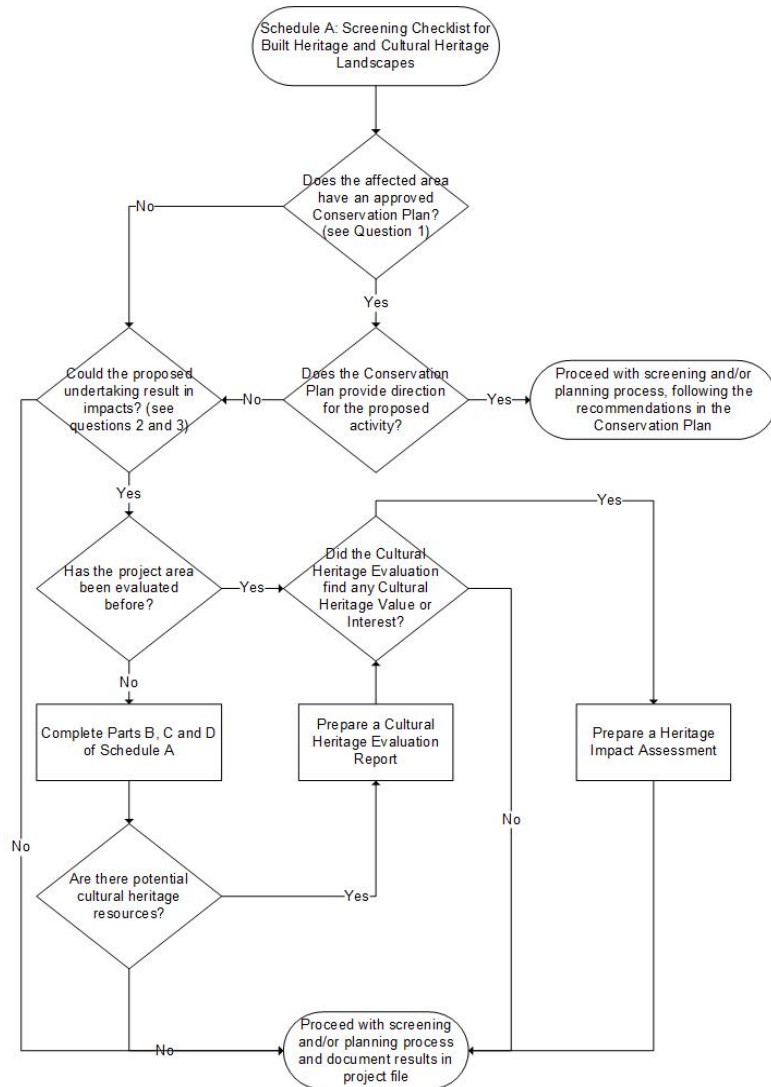


Appendix 5: Table 6 (Phases of the Class EA Process)

Phase	Category B	Category C
Phase 1 – project identification and preliminary planning	Screen and categorize proposed project	Screen and categorize proposed project
	Prepare project description	Prepare project description and consultation plan
	(blank)	Release Notice of Commencement and post consultation plan on ENDM’s Class EA web page
Phase 2 – project evaluation	Gather information and evaluate alternatives, methodology, and mitigation measures	Prepare Draft Environmental Study Report
	Release Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input (minimum 30-day comment period)	Release Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on Draft Environmental Study Report (minimum 30-day comment period)
Phase 3 – project documentation	Prepare documentation for project file	Prepare Final Environmental Study Report
	Notice of Completion (minimum 30-day comment period)	Notice of Completion (minimum 30-day comment period)
Phase 4 – project implementation	Prepare Statement of Completion, implement, monitor and evaluation project	Prepare Statement of Completion, implement, monitor and evaluation project

Appendix 6: Heritage Management Process (Appendix 3 of Class EA), Schedule F

Built Heritage / Cultural Heritage Landscapes



Archaeological Resources

