

## Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category B Project

### *Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act*

#### **PAK Rare Metals – Permission to Test Mineral Content**

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) invites you to comment on Houston Lake Mining Inc.'s proposal to extract up to 1,000 tonnes of rock material for the purpose of testing the rock properties for potential applications in the technical grade silica and lithium markets.

This proposed Category B project is being carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for MNDM's Activities under the Mining Act (Class EA).

The proposed project is located 180 kilometres north of Red Lake, Ontario, within unpatented mining claim 1232441 (see Figure 1 on page 2).

The proposal would include:

- stripping any overburden off of the bedrock, which is currently exposed;
- drilling and sampling vertical boreholes; and
- blasting, excavating and hauling the rock material to a crushing facility.

The site would be accessed by water and ice bridges from an existing ice road off of Duckling Lake.

The project documentation for this proposed project is available at <http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/mines-and-minerals/mining-act/class-environmental-assessment-activities/pak-rare-metals-permission>

You are invited to provide input and express any concerns about this proposed project. Comments must be received by **January 23, 2015**. For more information, or to submit comments on the project, please contact:

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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 MNDM 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 Approvals Branch of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. The collection, use, and

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**Figure 1: Project Location**

