

ORDER

SECTION 35, THE MINING ACT, R.S.O. 1990

ORDER NO. W-K-48/23

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 35(1) of the Mining Act, the Minister may, by order signed by him or her, withdraw from prospecting, mining claim registration, sale and lease any lands, mining rights or surface rights that are the property of the Crown, and the lands, mining rights or surface rights shall remain withdrawn until reopened by the Minister;

AND WHEREAS the Minister's authority to make an order under subsection 35(1) of the Mining Act has been delegated to staff of the Ministry of Mines including to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Mines and Minerals Division;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs has requested that the areas described below be withdrawn to depict the water management area based on registered surveys for Big Grassy River First Nation;

AND WHEREAS, although this withdrawal order will continue unless and until it is revoked by an order made pursuant to subsection 35(4) of the Mining Act, the ministry intends to review the withdrawal within three years of the date of this Order to ascertain whether it is appropriate to maintain the withdrawal in light of the status of efforts by Ontario, Canada and Lake of The Woods First Nation to resolve the candidate lands for settlement within an Area of Interest:

I HEREBY ORDER:

Pursuant to subsection 35(1) of the Mining Act, that the SURFACE AND MINING RIGHTS of the areas outlined in red on the map attached as Schedule "A", situated in the Eleanor Lake Area and Morson Township, Kenora Mining Division, containing 1049.87 hectares more or less, be WITHDRAWN from prospecting, mining claim registration, sale and lease.

This order comes into effect on June 29, 2023 at 10:00:01 a.m. eastern standard time or eastern daylight savings time, as the case may be.

Afsana Qureshi, Assistant Deputy Minister Mines and Minerals Division

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