

ORDER

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

ORDER NO. W-S-23/25

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or surface rights that are the property of the Crown, and the lands, mining rights or surface rights shall remain withdrawn until reopened by the Minister;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of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation has requested that the areas described below be withdrawn in order to facilitate the resolution and negotiated settlement of a claim by Whitefish River First Nation to additional lands reserved for it under the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850;

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 signature of Order W-S-36/22** to ascertain whether it is appropriate to maintain the withdrawal in light of the status of efforts by Ontario, Canada to establish land for settlement for Whitefish River First Nation's boundary claim;

I HEREBY ORDER:

Pursuant to subsection 35(1) of the Mining Act, that the SURFACE AND MINING RIGHTS of the area outlined in red on the map attached as Schedule "A", situated in the Townships of Hallam, Merritt, McKinnon and Mongowin, Sudbury Mining Division, containing 603.64 hectares more or less, be WITHDRAWN from prospecting, mining claim registration, sale and lease.

This order comes into effect upon signing.

Date: February 16, 2025

Time: 1:55 pm



Afsana Qureshi, Assistant Deputy Minister
Mines and Minerals Division

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