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### STANDARDS TO BE MET WHEN PREPARING THE REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PLAN

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The [Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions](#) (S.Q. 2024, chapter 36) (hereinafter “Bill 36”) was assented to on November 29, 2024, the effective date of most of the amendments.

Notably, Bill 36 amends section 232.3 of the [Mining Act](#) (CQLR, chapter M-13.1) to provide for the compliance of the rehabilitation and restoration plan with the standards set out in the regulation:

**232.3.** The rehabilitation and restoration plan must comply with the standards prescribed by regulation and contain, in particular,

- (1) a description of the rehabilitation and restoration work relating to the activities of the person submitting the plan and intended to restore the land affected by the activities to a satisfactory condition;
- (2) if the land is affected by tailings, containment work and, if required, work to put in place, operate and maintain any infrastructure that could result from the presence of tailings on the land;
- (3) if progressive restoration work is possible, the conditions and phases of completion of the work;
- (4) the conditions and phases of completion of the work in the event of final cessation of mining activities;
- (5) commitments related to the monitoring and maintenance required for follow-up to the rehabilitation and restoration work;
- (6) a detailed assessment of the anticipated costs for carrying out the rehabilitation and restoration work and for the follow-up to the work; and
- (7) in the case of an open-pit mine, a backfill feasibility study.

Bill 36 contains various transitional provisions that provide for certain standards to be met by mining rights holders between the coming into force of amendments made under Bill 36 and those required under the [Mining Regulation](#) (CQLR, chapter M-13.1, r. 1), including section 176 of Bill 36, which provides for the following condition:

**176.** Until the coming into force of the first regulation made under paragraph 26.1.1 of section 306 of the *Mining Act* (chapter M-13.1), amended by section 125 of this Act, the standards with which any rehabilitation and restoration plan must comply are determined by the Minister.

Thus, until the *Mining Regulation* is amended accordingly, those who will be required to submit a rehabilitation and restoration plan will have to refer to the Minister, who will determine the applicable standards.

As an indication, the Minister could impose the standards set out in the [Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans in Québec](#) (October 2024) for the implementation of this plan.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Centre de services des mines at [services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca).

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