

NOTICE

STANDARDS TO BE MET DURING THE SCOPING AND MARKET STUDY

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.

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 169 of Bill 36, which provides for the following condition:

169. Until the coming into force of the first regulation made under paragraph 12.7 of section 306 of the *Mining Act* (chapter M-13.1), amended by section 125 of this Act, a scoping and market study, referred to in sections 98, 101, 104 and 118.1 of the *Mining Act*, amended respectively by sections 46, 47, 51 and 54 of this Act, is required for all mineral substances, except gold and silver, and the Minister determines, in each case, the standards applicable to its preparation.

Thus, until the *Mining Regulation* is amended accordingly, mining rights holders who will be required to provide the Minister with a scoping and market study will have to refer to the Minister, who will determine the standards applicable in their case.

As an indication, the Minister could impose the standards set out in the [Guide for the Preparation of a Scoping and Market Study for Processing in Québec](#) (March 2018) for the conduct of this study.

In addition to these standards, the Minister could also impose on holders of mining leases and concessions to:

- incorporate the notion of a circular economy, explaining how recycling and recovery of mineral substances have been taken into account in their scoping study;
- address the reclamation of the post-mining site, including the reclamation of mine tailings.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Centre de services des mines at services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.

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