

Regulatory Process for the Star-Orion South Diamond Mine



Mineral Disposition and Exploration Phase



Environmental Assessment and Decision by Minister of Environment

Permitting and Licensing Phase

Next Steps

Provincial Approvals

Ministry of Environment

- a surface lease for the mine
- approval to construct, install, alter or extend a pollutant control facility
- approval to operate a pollutant control facility
- decommissioning and reclamation plan and financial assurance
- approval to construct and operate a hazardous substance and waste dangerous goods storage facility
- environmental protection plan for operation of an industrial source as per the Industrial Source Air Quality Chapter of the Saskatchewan Environmental Code
- permit to operate waterworks intended for human consumption
- permit to operate sewage works
- aquatic habitat protection permit

Water Security Agency

- water rights licence
- approval to construct and operate surface/groundwater works (for the purpose of diverting or using water)
- groundwater investigation permit
- aquatic habitat protection permit

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure

- provincial highway access permits

Ministry of Government Relations

- subdivision approval

Monitoring and Reporting

- proponent conducts mining and periodic monitoring and reporting throughout life of project
- update decommissioning and reclamation plan for approval every five years

Decommissioning and Reclamation Phase

- approval to decommission and reclaim a pollutant control facility
- site enters into “transition phase monitoring”
- release from decommissioning and reclamation requirements (following the release the site can enter the provincial Institutional Control Program)