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Horne 5 project in Rouyn-Noranda by Ressources Falco Ltée Positive outcome of public sessions

Quebec City, October 21, 2024 – The Commission of Inquiry of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) in charge of examining the [Horne 5 project in Rouyn-Noranda by Falco Resources Ltée](#), has made a positive assessment of the 12 public hearing sessions held from August 27 to 29 and from September 30 to October 3, 2024. They represented over 40 hours of discussions with participants. The average attendance, both in the room and remotely, was close to 70 people per session. In all, the Commission received 96 briefs and 4 comments.

In the first part of the session, 31 participants asked questions on a variety of topics, including the admissibility of the impact study, the social repercussions of the project, the risks associated with seismic shocks caused by mining operations, water protection and the guarantees provided by the initiator. In the second part, 53 people registered to summarize a brief or express themselves verbally on the project. In all, 10 sessions were held in Rouyn-Noranda.

At the request of the Long Point First Nation, two sessions were also held in Winneway on October 3. On this occasion, 18 participants asked questions or expressed their opinions to the Commission.

The Commission of Inquiry wishes to thank all those who contributed to its work and invites the public to remain attentive to the publication of its report, scheduled for January 10, 2025 at the latest.

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