

THE REPORT IN BRIEF

Horne 5 project in Rouyn-Noranda by Ressources Falco Ltée

INQUIRY AND PUBLIC HEARING MANDATE AUGUST 26 TO DECEMBER 23, 2024

Ressources Falco plans to develop a gold, silver, copper and zinc deposit in the heart of the city of Rouyn-Noranda. The project includes the following components: an underground mine, a mine complex, tailings management facilities and pipelines to transport water and tailings. Over the planned 15 years of operation, the company would extract 80.9 Mt of ore, or an average of 15,500 t/d. The project would employ up to 900 people during construction, and 500 on a continuous basis during the operating phase. Ressources Falco estimates its capital expenditure at over \$1 billion.



Although the impact study provided by Ressources Falco is very voluminous, the Commission of Inquiry notes that it suffers from a lack of essential information.

The Commission's report contains a number of observations and opinions regarding water-related issues; air quality and public health; vibration and induced seismicity issues; the sharing of responsibilities between Ressources Falco and Glencore Canada, and financial guarantees; the capacity of the host environment; project justification.

In particular, the Commission recommends that certain now obsolete studies be updated, and new analyses be carried out in order to fill several gaps, better document key aspects essential to a complete risk assessment and potential repercussions and provide the government with adequate information.

In addition, the Commission considers that the initiator has failed to convincingly demonstrate the justification for its project, apart from arguments relating to its economic potential and its contribution to innovation for the regional and provincial mining industry.

On the basis of its analysis and the findings and opinions arising from it, the Commission concludes that the Horne 5 project, as presented, does not meet the minimum requirements in terms of safety, public health, environmental protection and cost internalization. Consequently, it finds the project unacceptable in the light of the current state of knowledge brought to its attention.

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Citizen Participation

Chapter 3 reports on public concerns and opinions. It discusses:

- ▶ minerals mined and project justification;
- ▶ project location and vibrations;
- ▶ effects of the project on the environment;
- ▶ psychosocial issues;
- ▶ socio-economic effects of the project;
- ▶ local economic benefits;
- ▶ concerns and opinions of indigenous communities



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