

# *The Mineral Tenure Registry Regulations*

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## CHAPTER C-50.2 REG 27

### *The Crown Minerals Act*

#### PART I

#### Title, Interpretation and Application

##### Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as *The Mineral Tenure Registry Regulations*.

##### Interpretation

- 2 In these regulations:

- (a) **“Act”** means *The Crown Minerals Act*;
- (b) **“approved”** means approved by the minister;
- (c) **“assessment work”** means the work performed to satisfy the expenditure requirements of these regulations;
- (d) **“assessment work period”** means:
  - (i) in the case of a permit, the two-year term of the permit;
  - (ii) in the case of a claim, each successive 12-month period, the first of which starts on the date the claim was issued pursuant to section 42; or
  - (iii) in the case of a lease, each successive 12-month period, the first of which starts on the date an application was submitted pursuant to section 49;
- (e) **“associated”**, with respect to mineral disposition parcels or mineral dispositions, means any two or more mineral disposition parcels or mineral dispositions that:
  - (i) in an unsurveyed portion of the province, have boundaries that are located within 50 metres of each other; or
  - (ii) in a surveyed portion of the province:
    - (A) are located within the same quarter section; or
    - (B) are located within quarter sections whose boundaries are located within 50 metres of each other;
- (f) **“bulk sampling”** means the removal of one or more samples whose aggregated weight exceeds 100 tonnes in an assessment work period;
- (g) **“business day”** means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday;
- (h) **“cadastral parcel mapping system”** means the cadastral parcel mapping system as defined in *The Land Surveys Act, 2000*;
- (i) **“claim”** means a claim issued pursuant to Part VI;

- (j) “**claim area**” means the surface area of the claim lands as calculated in hectares to which the rights constituting a claim relate;
- (k) “**claim lands**” means the Crown mineral lands that are the subject of a claim;
- (l) “**engineered mine facility**” means a surface area of land not exceeding 1 000 hectares containing a tailings management facility or a mill site;
- (m) “**excess accumulated expenditures**” means expenditures that meet the requirements of section 69;
- (m.1) “**ISC**” means ISC as defined in *The Information Services Corporation Act*;
- (n) “**lease**” means a lease issued pursuant to Part VII;
- (o) “**lease area**” means the surface area of the lease lands as calculated in hectares to which the rights constituting a lease relate;
- (p) “**lease lands**” means the Crown mineral lands that are the subject of a lease;
- (q) “**location**” means a geographic location described using North American Datum 1983 (CSRS 98) and Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection with the zone indicated;
- (r) “**map**” means a map that conforms to North American Datum 1983 (CSRS 98) and includes the following reference information:
- (i) the boundaries and mineral disposition numbers of all relevant mineral dispositions;
  - (ii) pertinent topographic features and positional references;
  - (iii) a scale bar;
  - (iv) a north arrow;
  - (v) a title;
  - (vi) a legend;
  - (vii) geodetic datum;
  - (viii) Universal Transverse Mercator zone;
  - (ix) Universal Transverse Mercator co-ordinates;
  - (x) the National Topographic Survey map reference number;
  - (xi) the author;
  - (xii) the date on which it was made;
- (s) “**mineral disposition**” means a Crown disposition registered under a permit, claim or lease, and includes the rights under any legacy disposition registered in accordance with Part IV, by which the Crown has granted any rights with respect to the Crown minerals to which these regulations apply as established in subsection 3(1);

- (t) “**mineral disposition area**” means the surface area of the mineral disposition lands as calculated in hectares to which the rights constituting a mineral disposition relate;
- (u) “**mineral disposition lands**” means the Crown mineral lands that are the subject of a mineral disposition;
- (v) “**mineral disposition number**” means the unique alphanumeric identifier assigned to each mineral disposition registered in the registry;
- (w) “**mineral parcel**” means a mineral parcel as defined in *The Land Titles Act, 2000*;
- (x) “**mining operations**” means tunnelling, shaft-sinking, cross-cutting, drifting, raising, stoping, open-pit mining and surface and underground drilling operations;
- (y) “**non-conforming legacy disposition**” means a non-conforming legacy disposition as defined in subsection 27.39(1) of the Act;
- (z) “**permit**” means a permit issued pursuant to Part V;
- (aa) “**permit area**” means the surface area of the permit lands as calculated in hectares to which the rights constituting a permit relate;
- (bb) “**permit lands**” means the Crown mineral lands that are the subject of a permit;
- (cc) “**prospector**” means an individual who is engaged in prospecting for minerals on his or her own behalf and not as an employee or contractor of another person;
- (dd) “**record of expenditures**” means a detailed statement of expenditures made with respect to assessment work that meets the requirements of section 60;
- (ee) “**registered user**” means a person who meets the requirements of section 12;
- (ff) “**road allowance**” means a surveyed road allowance as shown on a plan of survey recorded in the Saskatchewan Land Surveys Directory or an unsurveyed road allowance that appears between or adjacent to mineral disposition parcels contained in the SaskGrid legal subdivision feature layer;
- (gg) “**SaskGrid**” means the collection of geomatics feature layers established in accordance with the SaskGrid system;
- (hh) “**SaskGrid system**” means the geographic information reference system established and maintained by ISC;
- (ii) “**The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986**” means *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986*, being Saskatchewan Regulations 30/86.

**Application of Act and regulations**

3(1) These regulations apply to all Crown minerals other than any Crown minerals that are subject to:

- (a) The Helium and Associated Gases Regulations, 1964;
- (b) *The Coal Disposition Regulations, 1988*;
- (c) The Quarrying Regulations, 1957;
- (d) The Subsurface Mineral Regulations, 1960;
- (e) The Oil Shale Regulations, 1964;
- (f) “The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulations, 1969”; or
- (g) the “Alkali Mining Regulations”.

(2) These regulations do not apply to palaeontological objects as defined in *The Heritage Property Act*.

(3) For the purposes of section 27.31 of the Act:

- (a) the date prescribed as the implementation date is December 1, 2012; and
- (b) on and after the implementation date, Part VII of the Act applies to all Crown minerals to which these regulations apply as established in subsection (1).

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s3.

**PART II****Electronic Parcel Mapping System****SaskGrid system and cadastral parcel mapping system adopted**

4 The SaskGrid system and the cadastral parcel mapping system are adopted for the purposes of the Act and these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s4.

**Electronic parcel mapping system established**

5(1) The electronic parcel mapping system is established.

(2) The electronic parcel mapping system consists of:

- (a) the cadastral parcel mapping system; and
- (b) the SaskGrid system.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s5.

**Mineral disposition parcels**

6(1) The electronic parcel mapping system is to be used to determine the boundaries of mineral disposition parcels.

(2) For the purposes of clause 27.56(e) of the Act, the following are mineral disposition parcels for which a mineral disposition may be issued:

- (a) mineral parcels that are described in the cadastral parcel mapping system;

- (b) parcels of Crown mineral lands described in the legal subdivision feature layer of the SaskGrid except any legal subdivision parcel whose boundaries overlap or coincide with a mineral parcel mentioned in clause (a).
- (3) For the purposes of determining the mineral disposition area of a mineral disposition parcel, the surface area of a mineral disposition parcel must be calculated using the dimensions of the mineral disposition parcel recorded in the electronic parcel mapping system.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s6.

**Deemed disposition of road allowances**

- 7(1) Subject to subsection (2), a mineral disposition parcel determined in accordance with section 6 is deemed to include any minerals within a road allowance administered by the Crown that borders the west or south boundary of the mineral disposition parcel.
- (2) A mineral disposition parcel is not deemed to include any minerals within any portion of a road allowance administered by the Crown that is included in a mineral disposition or is deemed to be included in a legacy disposition.
- (3) A legacy disposition continues to be deemed to include any minerals within any portion of a road allowance that it was deemed to include pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986*.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s7.

**Special application for road allowances**

- 8(1) A person may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner for a mineral disposition of minerals within a road allowance that is not deemed to be included in a mineral disposition parcel or legacy disposition pursuant to section 7.
- (2) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may issue a mineral disposition if the minister is satisfied that:
  - (a) the applicant has the right to develop a mineral, including any mineral not owned by the Crown, in the lands adjoining the road allowance;
  - (b) the minerals within the road allowance are not the subject of a disposition and are required by the applicant for the orderly development of a mineral; and
  - (c) all other provisions of these regulations concerning the requirements for the issuance of a mineral disposition are met by the applicant.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s8.

**Mineral disposition parcels not available for disposition**

- 9 No mineral disposition shall be issued with respect to any mineral disposition parcel if the Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands contained in the mineral disposition parcel in whole or in part:
  - (a) overlap with any of the following as represented within the cadastral parcel mapping system:
    - (i) an urban municipality;

- (ii) a historic park;
- (iii) a natural environment park;
- (iv) a recreation park;
- (v) a wilderness park;
- (vi) a provincial park;
- (vii) a national park;
- (viii) an Indian reserve;
- (b) are subject to a mineral title or an uncertified mineral title, as those terms are defined in *The Land Titles Act, 2000*, held by a person other than the Crown;
- (c) are, in the opinion of the minister, subject to doubtful ownership;
- (d) are already the subject of an application or request for Crown disposition;
- (e) are already subject to a Crown disposition;
- (f) are not reopened for disposition in accordance with these regulations;
- (g) are withdrawn from the Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands available for Crown disposition by the minister pursuant to section 21 of the Act;
- (h) are located within an ecological reserve designated pursuant to *The Ecological Reserves Act*; or
- (i) are located within a potash restricted drilling area established in accordance with section 26 of *The Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations, 2012*.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s9.

#### Deemed disposition of partial cells

9.1(1) In this section:

- (a) **“deemed partial cell”** means a partial cell that is deemed to be included in a mineral disposition pursuant to subsection (2) or (4);
- (b) **“partial cell”** means the undisposed part of a mineral disposition parcel described in clause 6(2)(b):
  - (i) that is overlain in part by at least one non-conforming legacy disposition; and
  - (ii) that is not a mineral disposition parcel that is not available for disposition described in clauses 9(a) to (d) and (f) to (i).

(2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), and notwithstanding clause 9(e), a partial cell is deemed to be included in the mineral disposition that overlies the partial cell and that shares a common boundary greater than a single point of contact with the partial cell.

- (3) Subject to subsection (6), a deemed partial cell is subject to the same terms and conditions as if the deemed partial cell had been included in the mineral disposition at the time the mineral disposition was issued.
- (4) If more than one mineral disposition meets the criteria set out in subsection (2), the partial cell is deemed to be included in:
- (a) if one mineral disposition has the earliest effective date, the mineral disposition with the earliest effective date;
  - (b) if two or more mineral dispositions have the earliest effective date, the mineral disposition with the earliest effective date that has the greatest area of overlap with the mineral disposition parcel as determined by the minister;
  - (c) if two or more mineral dispositions have the earliest effective date and no one of those dispositions has a greater area of overlap with the mineral disposition parcel, the mineral disposition with the earliest effective date with the longest shared boundary with the partial cell as determined by the minister.
- (5) If a partial cell is divided by one or more overlying non-conforming legacy dispositions into two or more separate parts, subsections (2) to (4) apply to each part individually.
- (6) The area of a deemed partial cell is not to be included in the calculation of the mineral disposition area for the purposes of these regulations.
- (7) Notwithstanding subsection (6), any assessment work completed on the area of a deemed partial cell may be included in the expenditure requirements for the mineral disposition that the deemed partial cell is deemed to be included in.
- (8) If the holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition applies pursuant to section 28 to change the non-conforming legacy disposition into a new mineral disposition that meets the mineral disposition parcel requirements of these regulations, only those deemed partial cells that are not overlain by another non-conforming legacy disposition are eligible for inclusion in the new mineral disposition.

30 Nov 2018 SR 82/2018 s3.

**Special application for mineral disposition parcel**

- 10(1)** Notwithstanding section 9, a person may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to include Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands in an associated mineral disposition parcel in a claim or lease if the Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands are:
- (a) subject to a mineral title or an uncertified mineral title, as those terms are defined in *The Land Titles Act, 2000*, held by a person other than the Crown who controls the balance of the minerals within the associated mineral disposition parcel;
  - (b) located within an Indian reserve, if the minerals are administered by the Crown;

- (c) located within an ecological reserve designated pursuant to *The Ecological Reserves Act*;
  - (d) located within an urban municipality; or
  - (e) located within the Mineral Disposition Zone of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park as described in Table 1 of the Appendix.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 9, the minister may issue a claim or lease with respect to any Crown mineral lands mentioned in subsection (1) if the minister is satisfied that:
- (a) all legal restrictions or interests related to the exploration for or the development of the minerals within the proposed claim lands or proposed lease lands have been addressed; and
  - (b) all other provisions of these regulations concerning the requirements for the issuance of a claim or lease are met by the applicant.
- (3) The minister shall review applications pursuant to this section in the order in which the applications are received by the minister.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s10.

**Withdrawal of Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands**

11(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the minister may refuse to issue a mineral disposition with respect to any mineral disposition parcel if the minister is satisfied that:

- (a) records that describe the restrictions set out in section 9 are inaccurate, incorrect or incomplete on the date of the application; or
  - (b) it is not in the public interest to issue a mineral disposition in relation to the mineral disposition parcel.
- (2) If the minister refuses to issue a mineral disposition pursuant to clause (1) (b), the minister shall:
- (a) withdraw the Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands from the Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands available for Crown disposition; and
  - (b) publish a notice of the withdrawal pursuant to section 21 of the Act.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s11.

**PART III**  
**Registry**

**Registration to use registry**

12(1) A person must be registered to search the registry, acquire or transfer a mineral disposition, register any instrument or make any application or submission pursuant to these regulations.

- (2) A person who intends to register to use the registry must:
- (a) submit to the registry his, her or the corporation's:
    - (i) name;
    - (ii) phone number;
    - (iii) address for service; and
    - (iv) email address for service;
  - (b) if the person is a corporation, submit to the registry the corporation's entity number in the register of corporations established pursuant to section 282 of *The Business Corporations Act*; and
  - (c) pay the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s12.

**Change related to registered user**

**13(1)** Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if any of the information the registered user is required to submit to the registry pursuant to subsection 12(2) changes, the registered user must submit the revised information to the registry.

(2) If a registered user that is a corporation changes its name or amalgamates with another corporation, it must submit to the minister a copy of the appropriate certificate of amendment or certificate of amalgamation and the entity number of the amalgamated corporation in the register of corporations established pursuant to section 282 of *The Business Corporations Act*.

(3) If a registered user that is not a corporation has a change of name, the registered user must submit to the minister evidence satisfactory to the minister of the change of name.

(4) Information submitted pursuant to this section must be provided:

- (a) in the case of an email address, immediately; and
- (b) in the case of any other information, within 15 business days after the change.

(5) After receiving information pursuant to subsection (2) or (3), the minister shall register the change of name or the amalgamation of the corporation with another corporation, as the case may be.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s13.

**Agents**

**14(1)** A registered user may designate another person to act as an agent to conduct specified transactions within the registry on the registered user's behalf.

(2) On acceptance of the designation by the agent in the registry, the agent is authorized to conduct the transactions with respect to which the registered user has designated the agent.

(3) The designation of an agent does not relieve the registered user of any responsibility to comply with the Act or these regulations.

(4) The designation as an agent may be terminated by the registered user or the agent effective as of the registration of the termination of the agency.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s14.

#### **Searches**

**15(1)** On payment of the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix, a registered user may conduct an electronic search of the information contained in the registry.

(2) On payment of the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix and under the supervision of the minister, a person may search the paper records and documents pertaining to a legacy disposition with respect to information not contained in the registry.

(3) On payment of the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix, a person may obtain a copy of the paper records and documents pertaining to a legacy disposition with respect to information not contained in the registry.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s15.

#### **Priority of applications**

**16** If more than one application is submitted to the registry with respect to the same mineral disposition parcel, the date and time when an application is entered electronically into the registry determines the priority among applications with respect to that mineral disposition parcel.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s16.

#### **Payment on application to registry**

**17(1)** A person who submits an application to the registry must pay the fee that is required to be paid pursuant to these regulations:

- (a) within 15 minutes after the application is submitted; and
- (b) in an approved form and manner.

(2) A person who submits an application to the registry pursuant to subsection 33(2) must pay the performance cash deposit in an approved form and manner, and that payment must be received by the minister within 3 business days after the date on which the application is submitted.

17 Feb 2017 SR 5/2017 s3.

#### **Fees and other payments required to be paid**

**18** Any fees and other payments required to be paid pursuant to these regulations must be paid before a mineral disposition is issued or any registration or other matter is completed pursuant to the Act or these regulations.

17 Feb 2017 SR 5/2017 s3.

**Incomplete application**

**19** If the requirements of section 17 or 18 are not met in the manner and within the periods specified in those sections, an application is deemed to be void and the priority of the application determined in accordance with section 16 no longer applies.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s19.

**Deletion from registry or correction of entry in registry**

**20(1)** On application by a holder, or on the initiative of the minister, the minister may:

- (a) correct an entry in the registry; or
- (b) delete an entry made in error in the registry.

(2) The minister shall record the reason for any correction or deletion made in the registry pursuant to this section.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the minister shall notify the holder affected by the correction or deletion before the correction or deletion is made.

(4) If the minister is of the opinion that a delay in making the correction or deletion would have a deleterious effect on the registry, the minister shall notify the holder affected by the correction as soon as is reasonably possible after making the correction or deletion.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s20.

**PART IV**  
**Legacy Dispositions**

**Confirmation date**

**21** For the purposes of section 27.39 of the Act, the date prescribed as the confirmation date is January 1, 2015.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s21.

**Registration of legacy dispositions**

**22(1)** On the implementation date, the minister shall register a legacy disposition on behalf of a holder in accordance with this Part.

(2) In the case of a legacy disposition other than a non-conforming legacy disposition, the minister shall register the mineral disposition that is the legacy disposition against the mineral disposition parcels recorded in the electronic parcel mapping system that correspond to the mineral disposition lands described in the original mineral disposition that is the legacy disposition.

(3) In the case of a non-conforming legacy disposition, the minister shall:

- (a) if the boundary of the disposition has not been confirmed, record the location of the boundary of the disposition based on the information that is on the records of the ministry as of the implementation date; or
- (b) if the boundary of the disposition has been confirmed, register the coordinates of any change of direction in the boundary of the disposition.

(4) On registration of a legacy disposition in accordance with subsection (2) or (3), the minister, on behalf of the holder, may register any information required pursuant to subsection 12(2) that is on the records of the ministry as of the implementation date.

(5) A holder of a legacy disposition shall verify and, if necessary, correct any information entered by the minister pursuant to subsection (4).

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s22.

**Term of legacy disposition**

**23** The term of a legacy disposition expires in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s23.

**Transition of approved expenditures**

**24(1)** On the implementation date, the minister shall register, with respect to each legacy disposition, the amount of the approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures.

(2) The holder of a legacy disposition may request a review of the amount of the approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures registered by the minister pursuant to subsection (1) no later than 60 days after the implementation date.

(3) A request for a review submitted pursuant to subsection (2) must:

- (a) be in an approved form and manner; and
- (b) contain detailed reasons for the request for a review.

(4) A holder of a legacy disposition must submit separate requests for review to the minister for each legacy disposition with respect to which the holder requests a review of the amount of registered expenditures.

(5) On receipt of a request pursuant to subsection (2), the minister shall verify the amount of registered expenditures for the legacy disposition and notify the holder of the legacy disposition of the results of the review.

(6) The minister shall register any changes to the registered expenditures that result from the review and any changes to the amount of the approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures registered by the minister are final and there is no right of appeal.

(7) If the holder of a legacy disposition does not request a review of the registered expenditures for a legacy disposition within 60 days after the implementation date, the amount of approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures registered by the minister is final and there is no right of appeal.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s24.

**Certificate of boundary confirmation**

**25(1)** A holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition may apply, before January 1, 2015, to the minister in an approved form and manner to have the boundary of a mineral disposition confirmed if the boundary of the mineral disposition has not been surveyed in accordance with clause 27.39(2)(a) of the Act.

(2) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may issue a certificate of boundary confirmation to a holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition if the entire boundary of the disposition is verified using one or more of the following methods:

(a) for any portion of the disposition boundary that is shared in part with another non-conforming legacy disposition, the boundary is verified by all holders whose legacy dispositions are affected by the position of the common boundary and those holders agree on the position of that boundary and submit evidence of the agreement in a form and manner satisfactory to the minister;

(b) for any portion of a disposition boundary that is not shared with another non-conforming legacy disposition, the boundary is verified by the sole holder affected by the position of the boundary and that holder declares the location of the boundary in a form and manner satisfactory to the minister; and

(c) for any portion of a disposition boundary that has been surveyed, the boundary is verified by a legal survey and the survey is submitted to the minister.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s25.

**Survey cost as assessment work**

**26(1)** The holder's share of the cost of surveying the location of the boundary of a non-conforming legacy disposition may be submitted for registration by the holder as an expenditure in accordance with section 61 if the cost of establishing the boundary has not been previously claimed as an expenditure.

(2) If a certificate of boundary confirmation is issued without a survey, the holder's share of the reasonable costs associated with inspecting the location of the boundary may be submitted for registration by the holder as an expenditure in accordance with section 61 if the cost of establishing the boundary has not been previously claimed as an expenditure.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s26.

**Effective date for assessment work change**

**27(1)** If the process of confirming the boundary of a legacy disposition results in a change to the mineral disposition area, any corresponding change in the expenditure requirements for the legacy disposition shall not take effect until the beginning of the assessment work period that commences immediately after the date on which the boundary of the legacy disposition is confirmed.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the expenditure requirements with respect to a legacy disposition are:

(a) with respect to an assessment work period ending before December 1, 2013, the expenditure requirements that applied to the legacy disposition on the day before this section comes into force; and

(b) with respect to an assessment work period ending on or after December 1, 2013, the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s27.

**Application to change legacy disposition**

**28(1)** The holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition for which the boundary has been confirmed may apply to the minister to change the non-conforming legacy disposition into a new mineral disposition that meets the mineral disposition parcel requirements of these regulations.

(2) The minister may issue a new mineral disposition pursuant to subsection (1) if the minister is satisfied that the application meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations.

(3) If the minister issues a new mineral disposition pursuant to this section:

(a) any approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures registered against the non-conforming legacy disposition must be registered against the new mineral disposition; and

(b) the assessment work period for the new mineral disposition is deemed to be the same as the assessment work period that applied to the non-conforming legacy disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s28.

**Division or partial surrender of non-conforming legacy disposition**

**29(1)** A holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition that is in good standing may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to:

(a) divide the non-conforming legacy disposition into two or more non-conforming legacy dispositions; or

(b) surrender a portion of the non-conforming legacy disposition.

(2) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must include:

(a) a map satisfactory to the minister showing a plan of division or partial surrender for the non-conforming legacy disposition that meets the requirements of this section; and

(b) the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

(3) The minister may issue one or more new non-conforming legacy dispositions to replace the non-conforming legacy disposition if:

(a) the approved assessment work expenditures registered against the original non-conforming legacy disposition are equal to or greater than the total expenditure requirements for the first two assessment work periods for a claim as set out in Table 2 of the Appendix;

(b) the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the previous assessment work period for the original non-conforming legacy disposition have been met;

(c) no assessment work reports with respect to the original non-conforming legacy disposition are being reviewed by the minister pursuant to Part VIII;

- (d) the boundary of the original non-conforming legacy disposition has been confirmed; and
  - (e) the mineral disposition lands for each non-conforming legacy disposition resulting from the division or partial surrender have:
    - (i) a total mineral disposition area of not less than 16 hectares; and
    - (ii) a total length not exceeding six times their total width.
- (4) The new boundary line resulting from the division or partial surrender of a non-conforming legacy disposition may consist of:
- (a) a straight line connecting any two points located on the boundary of the disposition;
  - (b) a line connecting two points located on the boundary of the disposition that follows the boundary of any mineral disposition parcels that are contained within or that overlap with the disposition lands; or
  - (c) any other boundary acceptable to the minister.
- (5) The term of any new non-conforming legacy disposition issued pursuant to this section is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the original non-conforming legacy disposition commenced.
- (6) Any approved assessment work expenditures and excess accumulated expenditures registered against a non-conforming legacy disposition divided or partially surrendered pursuant to this section must be registered against the new non-conforming legacy dispositions in proportion to their respective mineral disposition areas.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s29.

**Complete surrender of non-conforming legacy disposition**

- 30(1)** The holder of a non-conforming legacy disposition that is in good standing may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to surrender the entire non-conforming legacy disposition.
- (2) The minister may grant or refuse to grant the surrender of a non-conforming legacy disposition.
- (3) The minister shall register, effective on the date of the application, any surrender granted pursuant to subsection (2).
- (4) With respect to any surrender registered pursuant to subsection (3), the minister shall refund to holder:
- (a) in the case of a legacy disposition that is a permit, the performance cash deposit if the requirements of section 34 are met; or
  - (b) in the case of a legacy disposition that is a claim or lease, the deficiency cash deposit if the requirements of section 71 are met.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s30.

**PART V**  
**Permits**

**Lands available for disposition by permit**

**31(1)** The minister may designate which Crown mineral lands are available for disposition by permit.

(2) If the minister decides to designate lands pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall publish a notice of the availability of Crown mineral lands in any manner that the minister considers appropriate to bring the availability to the public's attention, including publishing the notice on the ministry's Internet website.

(3) The minister shall publish the notice of availability pursuant to subsection (2) at least 10 business days before the Crown mineral lands are to become available.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s31.

**Rights of holder of permit**

**32(1)** The minister may issue a permit to explore Crown mineral lands that have been made available for disposition by permit pursuant to section 31.

(2) Subject to section 19 of the Act, a permit grants to the holder the exclusive right to explore for any Crown minerals that are subject to these regulations within the permit lands.

(3) A holder of a permit is entitled to convert the permit to a claim in accordance with section 38.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a permit does not grant the holder the right to extract, recover, remove or produce minerals from the permit lands except for the following purposes:

- (a) assaying and testing;
- (b) metallurgical, mineralogical or other scientific studies.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), a holder of a permit may conduct bulk sampling.

(6) If a holder of a permit conducts bulk sampling pursuant to subsection (5):

- (a) the holder must provide notice to the minister in an approved form and manner before conducting the bulk sampling; and
- (b) any minerals recovered during bulk sampling remain the property of the Crown.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s32.

**Application for permit**

**33(1)** A person may apply for a permit during the period specified in the notice published pursuant to subsection 31(2).

- (2) A person who intends to apply for a permit shall submit to the registry:
- (a) subject to subsection (3), a list of mineral disposition parcels to be included in the permit lands; and
  - (b) the registration fee and performance cash deposit set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.
- (3) The permit lands mentioned in clause (2)(a) must:
- (a) consist of associated mineral disposition parcels that are available for disposition;
  - (b) have a total permit area of not less than 10 000 hectares and not more than 50 000 hectares; and
  - (c) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s33.

**Performance cash deposit**

**34(1)** The performance cash deposit paid pursuant to subsection 33(2) must be refunded to a holder of a permit if the minister is satisfied that the holder of the permit has complied with the expenditure requirements for the permit in accordance with section 37.

(2) Any performance cash deposit not refunded pursuant to subsection (1) is forfeited to and becomes the property of the Crown.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s34.

**Issuance of permit**

**35(1)** On receipt of an application pursuant to section 33, the minister may:

- (a) issue a permit if the minister is satisfied that the application complies with the Act and these regulations; or
  - (b) refuse to issue a permit.
- (2) If the minister refuses to issue a permit pursuant to this section, the registration fee and the performance cash deposit submitted with the application must be refunded to the applicant.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s35.

**Term of permit**

**36(1)** The term of a permit:

- (a) commences on the date on which the permit is issued; and
  - (b) is two years.
- (2) A permit shall not be renewed.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s36.

**Expenditure requirements for permit**

**37(1)** The holder of a permit shall satisfy the expenditure requirements for a permit set out in Table 2 of the Appendix during the assessment work period.

(2) Assessment work completed for the purposes of satisfying expenditure requirements with respect to the permit must comply with Part VIII.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s37.

**Conversion of permit to claim**

**38(1)** A holder of a permit that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the permit, may register the conversion of the permit into one or more claims that may include all or part of the permit lands if:

- (a) the expenditures required by section 37 have been made;
- (b) the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix has been paid; and
- (c) the provisions of Part VI respecting the registering of claims have been complied with by the holder before the end of the term of the permit.

(2) Part VI applies to any permit that is converted to a claim pursuant to this section.

(3) Notwithstanding sections 43 and 44, on conversion of a permit to a claim in accordance with this section:

- (a) the commencement of the term of the claim is the date of the commencement of the term of the permit; and
- (b) the expenditure requirements for the new claim do not commence until the end of the assessment work period in which the application to convert is made.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s38.

**Complete surrender of permit**

**39(1)** Subject to subsection (3), a holder of a permit that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the permit, may register the surrender of the entire permit.

(2) With respect to any surrender registered pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall refund to the holder the performance cash deposit if the requirements of section 34 are met.

(3) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s39.

**PART VI**  
**Claims**

**Rights of holder of claim**

40(1) Subject to section 19 of the Act, a claim grants to the holder the exclusive right to explore for any Crown minerals that are subject to these regulations within the claim lands.

(2) A holder of a claim is entitled to convert the claim to a lease in accordance with section 49.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a claim does not grant the holder the right to extract, recover, remove or produce minerals from the claim lands except for the following purposes:

- (a) assaying and testing;
- (b) metallurgical, mineralogical or other scientific studies.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a holder of a claim may conduct bulk sampling.

(5) If a holder of a claim conducts bulk sampling pursuant to subsection (4):

- (a) the holder must provide notice to the minister in an approved form and manner before conducting the bulk sampling; and
- (b) any minerals recovered during bulk sampling remain the property of the Crown.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s40.

**Application for claim**

41(1) A person who intends to apply for a claim shall submit to the registry:

- (a) subject to subsection (2), a list of mineral disposition parcels to be included in the claim lands; and
- (b) the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

(2) The claim lands mentioned in clause (1)(a) must:

- (a) consist of:
  - (i) one mineral disposition parcel that is available for disposition; or
  - (ii) two or more associated mineral disposition parcels that are available for disposition;
- (b) have a total claim area not greater than 6 000 hectares; and
- (c) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s41.

**Issuance of claim**

- 42(1) On receipt of an application pursuant to section 41, the minister may:
- (a) issue a claim if the minister is satisfied that the application complies with the Act and these regulations; or
  - (b) refuse to issue a claim.
- (2) If the minister refuses to issue a claim pursuant to this section, the registration fee submitted with the application must be refunded to the applicant.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s42.

**Term of claim**

- 43(1) The term of a claim:
- (a) commences on the date on which the claim is issued; and
  - (b) is one year.
- (2) Subject to the holder complying with the Act and these regulations, a claim is continued from year to year after the initial term.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s43.

**Expenditure requirements for claim**

- 44(1) The holder of a claim shall satisfy the expenditure requirements for a claim set out in Table 2 of the Appendix during each assessment work period.
- (2) Assessment work completed for the purposes of satisfying expenditure requirements with respect to the claim must comply with Part VIII.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s44.

**Division of claim**

- 45(1) Subject to subsection (6), a holder of a claim that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the claim, may register a division of the claim.
- (2) A claim may only be divided if:
- (a) the approved assessment work expenditures registered against the original claim are equal to or greater than the total expenditure requirements for the first two assessment work periods for a claim as set out in Table 2 of the Appendix;
  - (b) the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the previous assessment work period for the original claim have been met;
  - (c) no assessment work reports with respect to the original claim are being reviewed by the minister pursuant to Part VIII; and
  - (d) the claim lands for the new claims resulting from the division of the original claim include all of the mineral disposition parcels that were included in the original claim lands.

- (3) The claim lands for each claim resulting from the division of a claim registered pursuant to this section must:
- (a) consist of:
    - (i) one mineral disposition parcel; or
    - (ii) two or more associated mineral disposition parcels; and
  - (b) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.
- (4) The term of any new claim registered pursuant to this section is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the original claim commenced.
- (5) Any expenditures registered against a claim that is divided pursuant to this section must be registered against the new claims in proportion to their respective claim areas compared to the original claim area.
- (6) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s45.

**Partial surrender of claim**

- 46(1) Subject to subsection (7), a holder of a claim that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the claim, may register the surrender of any mineral disposition parcel contained within the boundary of the claim.
- (2) A claim may only be partially surrendered if:
- (a) the approved assessment work expenditures registered against the original claim are equal to or greater than the total expenditure requirements for the first two assessment work periods for a claim as set out in Table 2 of the Appendix;
  - (b) the holder has met the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the previous assessment work period for the original claim; and
  - (c) no assessment work reports with respect to the original claim are being reviewed by the minister pursuant to Part VIII.
- (3) The claim lands for each claim resulting from the partial surrender of a claim registered pursuant to this section must:
- (a) consist of:
    - (i) one mineral disposition parcel; or
    - (ii) two or more associated mineral disposition parcels; and
  - (b) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.
- (4) The term of any new claim registered pursuant to this section is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the claim being partially surrendered commenced.

- (5) Any expenditures registered against a claim that is partially surrendered pursuant to this section must be registered against the new claim resulting from the surrender in proportion to the claim area of the new claim.
- (6) If more than one claim is created as a result of the partial surrender, any expenditures registered against the original claim must be registered against the new claims in proportion to their respective claim areas.
- (7) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s46.

#### **Complete surrender of claim**

- 47(1) Subject to subsection (3), a holder of a claim that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the claim, may register the surrender of the entire claim.
- (2) With respect to any surrender registered pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall refund to the holder the deficiency cash deposit if the requirements of section 71 are met.
- (3) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s47.

#### **Consolidation of claims**

- 47.1(1) A holder of a claim, including a holder of a claim that is a non-conforming legacy disposition that is in good standing, may at any time apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to consolidate two or more associated claims that are in good standing into one new claim if the claim area of the consolidated claim lands is not greater than 6 000 hectares.
- (2) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may register the consolidation of the claims and issue a new claim if the minister is satisfied that the application meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations.
- (3) The term of any new claim registered pursuant to this section is deemed to commence on the earliest date on which the term of any of the original claims being consolidated commenced.

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## **PART VII Leases**

#### **Rights of holder of lease**

- 48 Subject to section 19 of the Act, a lease grants to the holder the exclusive right to explore for, mine, work, recover, procure, remove, carry away and dispose of any Crown minerals that are subject to these regulations within the lease lands.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s48.

**Conversion of claim to lease**

**49(1)** A holder of a claim that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the claim, may submit an application to the registry to convert a claim to a lease.

(2) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must include the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s49.

**Issuance of lease**

**50(1)** The minister shall issue a lease of Crown mineral lands to the holder of a claim if:

(a) the holder submits an application to the registry pursuant to section 49 to convert a claim to a lease in accordance with this Part; and

(b) the minister is satisfied that the holder has complied with the Act and these regulations.

(2) The term of a lease issued pursuant to this section commences on the date on which that an application for the lease is submitted pursuant to section 49.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s50.

**Term of lease**

**51** Subject to section 52, the term of a lease is 10 years.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s51.

**Renewal of lease**

**52(1)** The holder of a lease that is in good standing may apply to the minister for a renewal of the lease for a further term of 10 years.

(2) The minister shall register the renewal of a lease in good standing for a further term of 10 years if:

(a) the application for a renewal is received within one year before the expiry of the existing term of the lease; and

(b) the holder has complied with the Act and these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s52.

**Expenditure requirements for lease**

**53(1)** Subject to sections 72 and 73, the holder of a lease shall satisfy the expenditure requirements for a lease set out in Table 2 of the Appendix during each assessment work period.

(2) Assessment work completed for the purposes of satisfying expenditure requirements with respect to the lease must comply with Part VIII.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s53.

**Annual rentals**

**54(1)** Subject to subsection (3), a holder of a lease shall pay the annual rental fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the period during which:

- (a) minerals are being produced by mining operations from the lease lands; or
  - (b) relief from the expenditure requirements of the lease is granted in accordance with section 72.
- (2) The annual rental fee payable pursuant to subsection (1) must be paid:
- (a) on the date on which relief from the expenditure requirements becomes effective or the expenditure requirements cease to apply; and
  - (b) on each successive anniversary of the date mentioned in clause (a).
- (3) In the case of a lease for an engineered mine facility, the holder of the lease is not required to pay any annual rental fees.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s54.

**Division of lease**

**55(1)** Subject to subsection (6), a holder of a lease that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the lease, may submit an application to the registry to divide a lease.

(2) The minister may issue one or more new leases to replace the lease that is the subject of the application if:

- (a) the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the previous assessment work period for the original lease have been met;
- (b) no assessment work reports with respect to the original lease are being reviewed by the minister pursuant to Part VIII; and
- (c) the lease lands for the new leases resulting from the division of the original lease include all of the mineral disposition parcels that were included in the original lease lands.

(3) The lease lands for each lease resulting from the division of a lease registered pursuant to this section must:

- (a) consist of:
  - (i) one mineral disposition parcel; or
  - (ii) two or more associated mineral disposition parcels; and
- (b) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.

(4) The term of any new lease registered pursuant to this section is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the original lease commenced and the new lease is deemed to have the same terms, conditions, restrictions and stipulations as were contained in the original lease.

(5) Any expenditures registered against a lease that is divided pursuant to this section must be registered against the new leases in proportion to their respective lease areas compared to the original lease area.

(6) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s55.

**Consolidation of leases**

**56(1)** A holder of a lease, including a holder of a lease that is a non-conforming legacy disposition, that is in good standing may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to consolidate two or more associated leases that are in good standing into one new lease if the lease area of the consolidated lease lands is not greater than 6 000 hectares.

(2) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must include the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

(3) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may register the consolidation of the leases and issue a new lease if the minister is satisfied that the application meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations.

(4) The minister may impose any terms, conditions, restrictions and stipulations on a lease issued pursuant to subsection (3) that the minister considers appropriate.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s56.

**Conversion of lease to claim**

**57(1)** A holder of a lease, including a holder of a lease that is a non-conforming legacy disposition, that is in good standing may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner to convert a lease to a claim in accordance with this section.

(2) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must apply to all of the lease lands held by the holder.

(3) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must include the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

(4) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may register the conversion of the lease to a claim and issue a new claim if the minister is satisfied that the application meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the minister shall not issue a new claim for any non-conforming legacy disposition whose boundary has not been confirmed pursuant to section 27.39 of the Act or section 25 of these regulations.

(6) The term of a claim issued pursuant to subsection (4) is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the original claim from which the lease was derived commenced.

(7) Any expenditures registered against a lease converted to a claim in accordance with this section shall be registered against the claim issued pursuant to subsection (4).

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s57.

**Partial surrender of lease**

**58(1)** Subject to subsection (7), a holder of a lease that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the lease, may submit an application to the registry to surrender any mineral disposition parcel contained within the boundary of the lease.

- (2) The minister may issue one or more new leases to replace the lease that is the subject of the application if:
- (a) the expenditure requirements set out in Table 2 of the Appendix for the previous assessment work period for the original lease have been met; and
  - (b) no assessment work reports with respect to the original lease are being reviewed by the minister pursuant to Part VIII.
- (3) The lease lands for each lease resulting from the partial surrender of a lease registered pursuant to this section must:
- (a) consist of:
    - (i) one mineral disposition parcel; or
    - (ii) two or more associated mineral disposition parcels; and
  - (b) have a total length not exceeding six times their total width.
- (4) The term of any new lease registered pursuant to this section is deemed to have commenced on the date on which the term of the original lease commenced.
- (5) Any expenditures registered against a lease that is partially surrendered pursuant to this section must be registered against the new lease resulting from the surrender.
- (6) If more than one lease is created as a result of the partial surrender, any expenditures registered against the original lease must be registered against the new leases in proportion to their respective lease areas.
- (7) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s58.

**Complete surrender of lease**

- 59(1)** Subject to subsection (5), a holder of a lease that is in good standing, or, if there is more than one holder, an agent having agency for all holders of the lease, may submit an application to the registry to surrender the entire lease.
- (2) The minister may grant or refuse to grant the surrender of a lease.
- (3) The minister shall register, effective on the date of the application, any surrenders granted pursuant to subsection (2).
- (4) With respect to any surrender registered pursuant to subsection (3), the minister shall refund to the holder the deficiency cash deposit if the requirements of section 71 are met.
- (5) This section does not apply to non-conforming legacy dispositions.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s59.

**PART VIII**  
**Assessment Work**

**Record of expenditures**

**60(1)** A holder who intends to have expenditures applied to one or more mineral dispositions must submit to the minister a record of expenditures with respect to each mineral disposition.

(2) On receipt of a record of expenditures pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall assign the holder an assessment work number to be used for the review of the assessment work report submitted in accordance with this Part.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s60.

**Registration of expenditures**

**61(1)** Subject to subsections (2) and (3), in order to have expenditures registered pursuant this section, a holder must:

(a) have been assigned an assessment work number pursuant to subsection 60(2); and

(b) submit an assessment work report in accordance with sections 62 and 63.

(2) In order to have expenditures registered for an assessment work period, the assessment work report related to those expenditures must be received by the minister not later than 90 days after the end of that assessment work period.

(3) A holder is not entitled to have any expenditures registered for an assessment work period for any assessment work completed more than two years before the beginning of that assessment work period.

(4) In addition to the assessment work report submitted pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may require the following:

(a) a revised assessment work report if, in the opinion of the minister, the report does not conform to the requirements of this Part;

(b) financial statements certified by a member in good standing of a recognized accounting profession that is regulated by an Act;

(c) any other information that the minister may require to verify the content of the assessment work report and the record of expenditures.

(5) If the minister notifies the holder that the assessment work report submitted pursuant to subsection (1) is not acceptable to the minister or if the minister requires further information pursuant to subsection (4), the holder shall submit a revised assessment work report within 30 days.

(6) On review of an assessment work report and any information requested pursuant to subsection (4):

(a) the minister may register, in whole or in part, the expenditures if the minister is satisfied that the assessment work report and any supporting documents meet the requirements set out in this Part; or

(b) the minister may refuse to register the expenditures.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s61.

**Report requirements**

**62(1)** The assessment work report mentioned in subsection 61(1) must:

- (a) describe and interpret the results obtained from the assessment work along with any documentation necessary to support the conclusions or observations contained in the report; and
- (b) include:
  - (i) the assessment work number assigned by the minister to the holder who submitted the record of expenditures pursuant to subsection 60(1);
  - (ii) the mineral disposition numbers of the mineral dispositions on which the assessment work was performed;
  - (iii) the dates when the assessment work commenced and ended;
  - (iv) the name and address of the holder;
  - (v) the name, address, phone number and email address of the contact person or agent responsible for preparing the report on behalf of the holder;
  - (vi) the name, address, phone number and email address of any contractor or company that performed the assessment work on behalf of the holder; and
  - (vii) evidence of assessment work as set out in Table 3 of the Appendix.

(2) Notwithstanding clause (1)(b), the holder is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of information contained in:

- (a) the record of expenditures;
- (b) the assessment work report; and
- (c) any other evidence of assessment work submitted in accordance with the requirements of this Part.

(3) The minister may reject any evidence of assessment work and its associated expenditures submitted pursuant to subsection (1) if the minister is satisfied that it duplicates evidence of assessment work previously submitted.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s62.

**Submission requirements**

**63(1)** The assessment work report and all evidence of assessment work submitted in accordance with subsections 61(1) and 62(1) must:

- (a) be in an approved electronic form; and
- (b) be indexed and labelled in a manner acceptable to the minister.

(2) The assessment work report must:

- (a) be formatted to fit on standard letter-sized paper; and
- (b) include a list of accompanying maps.

- (3) Maps that are submitted with an assessment work report must, in the case of maps showing field data, be at a scale sufficient to clearly depict all observations made.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a prospector may submit evidence of assessment work in paper format if the record of expenditures indicates total expenditures of less than \$20,000 during the assessment work period.
- (5) If a prospector submits evidence of assessment work in paper format pursuant to subsection (4):
- (a) the assessment work report must be formatted to fit on standard letter-sized paper but may include fold-out maps on 28 centimetre by 43 centimetre paper; and
  - (b) maps and drill logs that are submitted with an assessment work report must be bound in a folder.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s63.

#### **Grouping of expenditures**

**64(1)** Subject to subsection (2), if a holder is the holder of two or more mineral dispositions, the mineral dispositions may be grouped for the purposes of registering expenditures if:

- (a) the mineral dispositions are in good standing;
  - (b) the mineral dispositions have boundaries that are located within 700 metres of each other; and
  - (c) the total mineral disposition area of the mineral dispositions is not greater than 18 000 hectares.
- (2) Subsection (1) only applies with respect to the following:
- (a) the grouping of a claim with one or more other claims;
  - (b) the grouping of a lease with one or more other leases.
- (3) A holder who intends to have mineral dispositions grouped pursuant to this section shall apply for grouping at the time the holder submits a record of expenditures pursuant to section 60.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s64; 30 Nov 2018  
SR 82/2018 s5.

#### **Registration limits and credits**

**65(1)** Notwithstanding the actual expenditures incurred by a holder to conduct assessment work, the following expenditures are not eligible for registration pursuant to section 61:

- (a) the portion, if any, of travelling and transportation costs of personnel, equipment, samples and supplies incurred in performing the assessment work that exceeds 40% of the cost of the operations;
- (b) the portion, if any, of administration costs incurred in performing the assessment work that exceeds 15% of the eligible expenditures.

(2) Notwithstanding the actual expenditures incurred by a holder to conduct an airborne geophysical survey, the holder may include an expenditure equal to 1.5 times the actual cost of the survey in the record of expenditures submitted pursuant to section 60.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s65; 2 Aug 2024 SR 62/2024 s3.

**Credit for airborne reconnaissance survey**

**66(1)** An airborne reconnaissance survey performed over mineral lands not subject to a mineral disposition may be submitted for acceptance as assessment work in accordance with section 60 if the survey is completed within one year before the issuance of the permit or claim.

(2) The expenditure that is eligible for registration pursuant to section 61 with respect to an airborne reconnaissance survey is the lesser of:

- (a) the cost of the survey; and
- (b) eight times the total cost of the survey multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the permit area or claim area and the denominator of which is the total area of the survey as measured in hectares.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s66.

**Mineral disposition not to lapse due to delay in consideration of assessment work**

**67(1)** No mineral disposition lapses by reason of a delay that occurs due to the consideration by the minister of any evidence of assessment work submitted for registration as assessment work that was submitted within the time set out in these regulations.

(2) If, on consideration of the evidence submitted, the minister disallows all or part of the expenditures claimed, the holder may, within 10 business days after notification by the minister:

- (a) make a deferred deficiency cash deposit or a deferred non-refundable cash payment in accordance with section 70 or 71, as the case may be; and
- (b) revise the grouping of any dispositions affected by the disallowed expenditures in accordance with section 64.

(3) Any deferred deficiency cash deposit or deferred non-refundable cash payment made or grouping of dispositions revised pursuant to subsection (2) shall have the same force and effect as if it were submitted at the time or within the periods specified in sections 64, 70 and 71.

(4) Notwithstanding any grouping of dispositions requested by the holder pursuant to section 64, if, within the period specified in subsection (2), the holder fails to revise the grouping of dispositions affected by the disallowed expenditures, the minister shall register all of the approved expenditures against the mineral dispositions where the expenditures were incurred.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s67.

**Confidentiality of assessment work**

**68** Subject to sections 112 and 113 of *The Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations, 2012*, all evidence of assessment work submitted to the minister as required by these regulations shall remain confidential until the earliest of:

- (a) three years from the date on which it is received by the minister;
- (b) the date on which the holder has provided written consent to the release of the information; and
- (c) the date on which the mineral disposition for which the assessment work was done lapsed or was terminated.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s68.

**Excess accumulated expenditures**

**69(1)** Subject to subsection (2), registered expenditures that are not used to satisfy the expenditure requirements of the current assessment work period must be carried forward and may be used to satisfy the expenditure requirements for any subsequent assessment work period for:

- (a) the original mineral disposition; or
- (b) any subsequent mineral disposition converted from the original mineral disposition.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations but subject to subsection (3), if a holder has accumulated more than 21 years of approved expenditures, calculated on the basis of the then current status of the mineral disposition, any amounts in excess of the 21 years of approved expenditures:

- (a) are deemed to be excess accumulated expenditures; and
- (b) are not eligible to be applied to satisfy any subsequent expenditure requirements pursuant to these regulations.

(3) If the status of a mineral disposition mentioned in subsection (2) changes, or the regulations are amended, and that change or amendment causes an increase in the expenditure requirements imposed by these regulations in relation to that mineral disposition, the holder may, within one year of the date on which the change or amendment came into effect, apply to the minister to have an amount from the excess accumulated expenditure applied to satisfy any part of the increase.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s69.

**Deficiency payment for permit**

**70** If during the term of a permit a holder does not satisfy the expenditure requirements of section 37, the holder may, before the end of the term of the permit, make a non-refundable cash payment to the minister equivalent to the deficiency.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s70.

**Deficiency payment or deposit for claim or lease**

71(1) If during any assessment work period a holder of a claim or a lease does not satisfy the expenditure requirements of section 44 or 53, as the case may be, the holder may, not later than 90 days after the end of the assessment work period in which the expenditure is required:

- (a) make a non-refundable cash payment to the minister equivalent to the deficiency; or
- (b) pay a deficiency cash deposit to the minister equivalent to the deficiency.

(2) If the holder pays a deficiency cash deposit and expends the amount required for the assessment work period that follows the assessment work period in which the deficiency was incurred in addition to an amount at least equal to the deficiency cash deposit, the deficiency cash deposit shall be refunded to the holder following registration of the expenditure pursuant to section 61.

(3) If during the assessment work period that follows the assessment work period in which the deficiency was incurred the holder does not expend the amount required by subsection (2):

- (a) the minister shall refund the portion of the deficiency cash deposit equivalent to the amount, if any, of actual expenditures in excess of the expenditure requirements for that following assessment work period; and
- (b) the balance of the deficiency cash deposit is forfeited to and becomes property of the Crown.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a holder shall not make non-refundable cash payments nor allow deficiency cash deposits to be forfeited, or any combination of those, with respect to any claim or lease for more than three consecutive assessment work periods.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s71.

**Relief from expenditure requirements for lease**

72(1) On application to the minister by a holder of a lease, the minister may grant relief to the holder from the expenditure requirements of section 53 if the holder demonstrates that:

- (a) the holder has expended not less than \$1,000 per hectare of lease area on mining operations either during the term of the lease or during the term of any other mineral disposition from which the lease was derived;
- (b) exploratory or development activities on the lease lands would jeopardize the physical and environmental integrity of an engineered mine facility area; or
- (c) the lease lands have been fully explored and further exploratory or development activity on the lease lands is not warranted having regard to economic and geological circumstances.

(2) A person who intends to apply for relief pursuant to subsection (1) shall submit to the minister documents and other evidence satisfactory to the minister to support the application.

- (3) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (2) must include the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.
- (4) The minister may grant relief pursuant to this section from the expenditure requirements of section 53 for all or part of the unexpired portion of the current lease term.
- (5) The minister may, on application by the holder of a lease, cancel any relief from the expenditure requirements granted pursuant to this section with respect to that lease.
- (6) Any expenditure on the lease lands during the time that relief from the expenditure requirements pursuant to this section is in effect shall not be applied towards any expenditure requirements of these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s72.

**Non-application of expenditure requirements to lease**

**73(1)** The expenditure requirements of section 53 do not apply to a lease for the period during which:

- (a) minerals are being produced by mining operations from the lease lands; or
  - (b) mining operations on the lease lands are on standby for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months following a period of mineral production.
- (2) Any expenditure on the lease lands, during a period when the expenditure requirements do not apply pursuant to subsection (1), shall not be applied to any expenditure requirements of these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s73.

**Extension of time to meet expenditure requirements**

**74(1)** A holder of a claim that is in good standing may apply to the minister in an approved form and manner for an extension of time in which to meet the expenditure requirements of section 44.

- (2) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must be received by the minister no later than the last day of the assessment work period in which the expenditures are required.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), an application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must:
  - (a) specify the number of days for which the extension is required;
  - (b) include the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix; and
  - (c) include a cash deposit equal to the number of days specified in accordance with clause (a) multiplied by the amount set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.
- (4) The extension of time set out in an application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) shall be no less than 30 days and no more than 270 days.

- (5) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may approve the extension of time if the minister is satisfied that the application meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations.
- (6) The holder shall, no later than 90 days after the end of any extension of time, submit a record of expenditure and assessment work report to the minister in accordance with this Part.
- (7) If by the end of the extension of time, the holder has satisfied the expenditure requirements for the assessment work period that is the subject of the extension, the minister shall refund to the holder of the claim the deposit made in accordance with subsection (3).
- (8) If, by the end of the extension of time, the holder has not satisfied the expenditure requirements for the assessment work period, the deposit made in accordance with subsection (3) is forfeited to and becomes property of the Crown and the claim lapses without further notice.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s74.

**Relief from expenditure requirements in special cases**

75(1) The minister may, on application by a holder, grant the holder relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 in an amount that the minister considers appropriate if the minister is satisfied that, for a period of at least 60 consecutive days:

- (a) if the holder is an individual, the holder has been prevented from carrying out the work necessary to meet the expenditure requirements because of accident or illness; or
  - (b) the holder has been prevented from gaining access to the mineral disposition land to perform the work necessary to meet the expenditure requirements due to:
    - (i) a forest fire or other natural disaster;
    - (ii) an action of a government agency or a member of the Executive Council for environmental or regulatory purposes with respect to the surface of the mineral disposition lands; or
    - (iii) any other circumstance beyond the control of the holder that could not have been avoided by the exercise of due care.
- (2) The minister may, on application by the legal representative of a holder, grant a holder who is an individual relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 if the minister is satisfied that the holder:
- (a) died;
  - (b) is the subject of a certificate of incompetence issued pursuant to *The Mentally Disordered Persons Act*;
  - (c) is subject to an order of the court issued pursuant to *The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act*; or

- (d) is subject to a power of attorney that came into effect as a result of the lack of capacity of the holder.
- (3) An application made pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) and the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix must be received by the minister no later than the last day of the assessment work period for which the relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 is sought.
- (4) The application must be made in an approved form and manner and must contain evidence satisfactory to the minister documenting the special circumstances that prevented the holder from satisfying the expenditure requirements of the mineral disposition.
- (5) If relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 is granted pursuant to this section, any expenditure on the mineral disposition area during the time that relief from expenditure requirements pursuant to this section is in effect shall not be applied towards any expenditure requirements of these regulations.
- (6) On the expiration of any relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 granted pursuant to this section, a holder who intends to apply for further relief shall submit a new application pursuant to this section.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s75; 17 Feb 2017  
SR 5/2017 s4; 2 Aug 2024 SR 62/2024 s4.

**Relief from expenditure requirements re state of emergency declared March 18, 2020**

**75.1(1)** The minister may, as a result of the declaration of a state of emergency on March 18, 2020, grant holders relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53:

- (a) during the assessment work period that subsists with respect to the permit, claim or lease, as the case may be, at the time of the declaration; and
- (b) for the subsequent assessment work period with respect to the permit, claim or lease, as the case may be.
- (2) Any expenditures made with respect to mineral dispositions during the assessment work periods mentioned in subsection (1) and that are registered by the minister pursuant to subsection 61(6) may be applied towards any expenditure requirements pursuant to these regulations.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections 71(2) and (3), any holder that pays to the minister a deficiency cash deposit pursuant to clause 71(1)(b) for the assessment work period immediately before March 18, 2020 is eligible for a refund of that deficiency cash deposit for the assessment work period that immediately follows an assessment work period that was subsisting at any time during the assessment work periods mentioned in subsection (1), and subsection 71(2) or (3), as the case may be, applies, with any necessary modification, to the issuing of the refund by the minister.

12 Jne 2020 SR 68/2020 s3.

**Effects from relief from expenditure requirements**

**76** Any relief from the expenditure requirements of section 37, 44 or 53 granted pursuant to section 75 or 75.1 with respect to any assessment work period shall not affect:

- (a) the date of commencement of the next assessment work period; or
- (b) the expenditure requirements for any succeeding assessment work period.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s76; 12 Jne 2020 SR 68/2020 s4.

PART IX  
**Disputes and Adverse Rights**

**Issuance of disposition conclusive evidence**

**77** The issuance of a legacy disposition, whether before or after the coming into force of these regulations, is conclusive evidence that the mineral disposition lands complied with the requirements contained in *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* respecting the size and the shape of the mineral disposition lands notwithstanding that a notice of dispute with respect to the mineral disposition lands may have been submitted to the minister pursuant to section 80.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s77.

**Registration of existing notices of dispute**

**78(1)** On the implementation date, the minister may register any existing notice of dispute that was recorded by the minister pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* if, in the opinion of the minister, the notice of dispute relates to an unresolved and actively pursued dispute.

(2) Within 90 days after the implementation date, a disputant or holder shall notify the minister in writing if the disputant or holder:

- (a) disagrees with a notice of dispute registered on the implementation date; or
- (b) believes a notice of dispute that should have been registered is missing.

(3) After receiving a notification pursuant to subsection (2), the minister shall make any adjustments to the registry that the minister determines to be necessary.

(4) Any notice of dispute that was recorded by the minister pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* that is not registered pursuant to this section automatically lapses 91 days after the implementation date without notice to the disputant.

(5) The lapse of any notice of dispute pursuant to subsection (4) does not affect any rights between the parties to the dispute.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s78.

**Use of notice of dispute limited**

**79** A notice of dispute may only be registered with respect to a dispute regarding a legacy disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s79.

**Notice of dispute**

**80(1)** A notice of dispute may be submitted to the minister by a registered user who alleges that a legacy disposition is invalid, in whole or in part, and that the disputant is entitled to be registered as a holder of the legacy disposition or any portion of the legacy disposition.

(2) A notice of dispute and the registration fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix must be submitted to the minister no later than 60 days after the date on which the disputed legacy disposition was issued.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s80.

**Notice of dispute process**

**81(1)** The notice of dispute mentioned in section 80 must:

- (a) be submitted in an approved form and manner;
- (b) contain details of the circumstances surrounding the dispute; and
- (c) contain an address for service of the disputant in Saskatchewan.

(2) On receipt of a notice of dispute submitted by a disputant pursuant to this section, the minister shall:

- (a) register a notice of dispute against the legacy disposition; and
- (b) notify the holder that the legacy disposition is disputed.

(3) Separate notices of dispute must be submitted to the minister for each legacy disposition being disputed.

(4) If a legacy disposition that is disputed is held by more than one person, the disputant shall submit to the minister an additional copy of the notice of dispute for each additional person who is a holder.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s81.

**Resolution of dispute**

**82(1)** The disputant shall notify the minister of the resolution or other determination of a dispute for which a notice of dispute has been registered and, on receipt of the resolution or determination and any evidence of the resolution or determination considered by the minister to be satisfactory, the minister shall discharge the notice of dispute.

(2) The minister may discharge a notice of dispute if, on or after January 1, 2015, the minister is satisfied that the disputant has taken no action to cause the dispute to be resolved or otherwise determined to the satisfaction of the minister.

(3) The minister shall not discharge a notice of dispute pursuant to subsection (2) unless the minister has given written notice to the disputant that the notice of dispute may be removed from the legacy disposition if the disputant has taken no action to cause the dispute to be resolved or otherwise determined to the satisfaction of the minister within the period specified in the written notice.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s82.

## PART X Transfers

### Transfers

**83(1)** A transfer with respect to an interest in a mineral disposition that a holder is not prohibited from transferring or agreeing to transfer by any provision of the Act or these regulations or by the terms of the mineral disposition may be registered pursuant to this Part.

(2) A transfer mentioned in subsection (1) may convey to any person:

- (a) the entire undivided interest of the holder in the mineral disposition; or
- (b) a specific percentage of an undivided interest of the holder in a mineral disposition that is not less than one-twentieth of the mineral disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s83.

### Registration of transfers

**84(1)** Subject to subsection (4), a holder may apply to initiate the registration of a transfer of a mineral disposition to another registered user subject to the payment of the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix.

(2) If the registered user has not accepted the transfer within 10 business days after the date on which the holder initiated the application pursuant to subsection (1), the application for transfer is void.

(3) On receipt of an acceptance of the transfer by the registered user, the minister may:

- (a) register the transfer of the mineral disposition to the registered user if:
  - (i) the transfer is unconditional; and
  - (ii) in the opinion of the minister, the transfer meets all of the requirements of the Act and these regulations; or
- (b) refuse to register the transfer of the mineral disposition.

(4) No transfer of a mineral disposition may occur if the mineral disposition is subject to an application or registration pursuant to these regulations to:

- (a) surrender all or part of the disposition lands;
- (b) divide the disposition into two or more dispositions;

- (c) consolidate the disposition lands with the disposition lands of another disposition;
- (d) convert the mineral disposition to another form of mineral disposition; or
- (e) have assessment work registered pursuant to Part VIII.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s84.

#### **Effect of registration**

**85(1)** Notwithstanding any rule of common law or equity to the contrary, a transfer that is not registered pursuant to this Part is void against any registered transfer.

(2) On the registration of the transfer of an interest in a mineral disposition, the registered user becomes the holder with respect to the interest transferred.

(3) A transfer recorded or registered on the records of the ministry maintained for the purpose before the coming into force of this Part is deemed to have been registered pursuant to this Part.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s85.

## **PART XI General**

#### **Examine records**

**86** It is a condition of every mineral disposition issued in accordance with these regulations that the holder shall make available to the minister during normal business hours at the registered address of the holder, or at any other place identified by the holder as a place where the records are kept, records related to:

- (a) any samples of mineral and other substances encountered during the operations carried out under the terms of the mineral disposition;
- (b) the quantity and place of origin of the ore and minerals produced, used, saved and marketed from the mineral disposition lands; and
- (c) any assessment work reported in accordance with these regulations, including expenditures related to the assessment work.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s86.

#### **Lapse of claim without notice**

**87(1)** Subject to section 75, a claim lapses without notice to the holder and is void if:

- (a) the expenditure requirements for a claim are not satisfied by a holder within the time specified by these regulations; or
- (b) a payment or cash deposit in lieu of expenditures on a claim is not paid to the minister within the time specified by these regulations.

(2) Any payment or cash deposit paid with respect to a claim that lapses pursuant to subsection (1) that has not been previously refunded is forfeited to and becomes the property of the Crown.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s87.

**Reopening of mineral disposition parcels**

**88(1)** Subject to subsection (3), any mineral disposition parcel that includes Crown minerals or Crown mineral lands that were, in whole or in part, subject to a mineral disposition shall not be available for disposition until at least 10 business days after the minister has published a notice of reopening for the mineral disposition parcel.

(2) The notice of reopening published by the minister pursuant to subsection (1) must contain:

- (a) the date of the reopening;
- (b) the mineral disposition parcel or parcels included in the reopening or the mineral disposition number of the former mineral disposition that contained the mineral disposition parcels to be reopened; and
- (c) any other information that the minister considers relevant.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to any mineral disposition parcel that may have been formerly disposed of pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986*, or any predecessor to those regulations, but that is not, on the implementation date, identified in the records of the ministry as a lapsed mineral disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s88.

**Statement by holder selling or shipping minerals, etc.**

**89** On or before March 31 in each year, every holder of a lease who ships or sells any mineral, mineral ore or mineral-bearing substance removed from the lease lands shall, in addition to any other statements that may otherwise be required by the minister, submit to the minister in an approved form and manner a report containing:

- (a) the name and description of the mine and the mineral disposition numbers of the leases affected by mine operations;
- (b) the name, address and email address of the person operating the mine;
- (c) the quantity of minerals, mineral ores, and mineral-bearing substances sold, shipped or sent from or treated on the mining premises during the previous calendar year;
- (d) a map showing the extent and location of underground and surface works and installations;
- (e) a map showing the mining and development that took place during the previous calendar year;
- (f) a map showing the mining and development planned for the current year;
- (g) the name and the locality of any smelter or mill or buyer to which the minerals, mineral ores or mineral-bearing substances or any part of them were sent; and
- (h) any other particulars required by the minister for the purposes of the Act and these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s89.

**Notification by holder of active operation of mine**

**90(1)** The holder of a lease who produces any mineral, mineral ore or mineral-bearing substance from the lease lands shall, within 10 business days after the commencement of production, notify the minister of the fact that a mine is in active operation, and shall give in the notice:

- (a) the name of the mine and the name, address and email address of the owner, lessee, tenant, holder, occupier, manager or operator of the mine; and
  - (b) the name, address and email address of the person to whom notices with respect to the operations may be sent.
- (2) The holder of the lease shall notify the minister within 10 business days:
- (a) of every change in the information mentioned in clauses (1)(a) and (b); and
  - (b) of every discontinuance of active mining operations, and subsequent resumption of those operations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s90.

**Requirements re particulars of operations, etc.**

**91(1)** A holder shall keep accurate and detailed records of the results of operations, including accounts, expenditures, maps, analyses, and assays.

- (2) On notification by the minister, a holder shall, within 90 days, submit:
- (a) particulars of the results of any operations or analyses;
  - (b) maps relating to the holder's operations; or
  - (c) samples of any minerals or any other substances encountered during the holder's operations.
- (3) Particulars submitted to the minister pursuant to subsection (2) shall be provided in an approved form and manner.
- (4) Section 68 applies with respect to any particulars submitted to the minister pursuant to subsection (2) that would qualify as assessment work submitted for registration pursuant to section 61.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s91.

**Drill core retention**

**92(1)** The holder shall:

- (a) retain all drill cores obtained for the purpose of mineral exploration and development on mineral disposition lands in standard core boxes at the drill site or at a centralized core storage facility of the holder;
- (b) identify each box with weatherproof labels, securely attached, indicating the hole number and core interval represented;
- (c) store the core boxes in racks provided with a roof, in ventilated stacks with the upper layer covered, or in any other manner that meets the requirements of the minister;

- (d) make all reasonable efforts to protect the drill cores from adverse effects from the weather; and
  - (e) store all drill cores from a single drill hole, except for those portions used for scientific testing in accordance with subsection (2), at the same location.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), no portion of a drill core that is used for scientific testing shall exceed half of the core split longitudinally.
- (3) The minister may, on application, give written permission to use a portion of the core that exceeds half of the core split longitudinally, subject to any terms and conditions that the minister considers appropriate.
- (4) The storage location of all drill cores must be noted in the assessment work report submitted for registration pursuant to section 61 and any subsequent change in location must be reported to the minister.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), if requested by the minister to do so, the holder shall submit his or her drill cores to a designated provincial core storage facility in a manner specified by the minister.
- (6) Reasonable expenditures associated with the shipping of drill cores to a designated provincial storage facility may be submitted for registration as assessment work expenditures pursuant to section 61.
- (7) No person, whether or not a holder pursuant to these regulations, shall intentionally remove from Saskatchewan, or intentionally discard, dump, destroy or otherwise reduce the scientific value of drill cores obtained from any mineral disposition lands except for those portions used for assaying, testing and metallurgical, mineralogical or other scientific studies, without the written permission of the minister.
- (8) Reports on scientific studies and examinations of drill cores removed from Saskatchewan pursuant to subsection (7) not submitted as assessment work must be submitted to the minister at the request of the minister.
- (9) Every person who intends to dispose of any drill core in his or her possession or entrusted to his or her safekeeping shall submit an application in writing to the minister.
- (10) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (9), the minister may:
- (a) provide written permission in accordance with subsection (7);
  - (b) take possession of the drill core for the Crown; or
  - (c) take any other action that the minister considers necessary.

**Registering a builder's lien**

**93(1)** In accordance with section 51 of *The Builders' Lien Act*, the Records Officer of the ministry may submit to the minister a request to register or discharge a claim of lien against a mineral disposition.

(2) If the mineral disposition has not lapsed or been surrendered or cancelled pursuant to the Act or these regulations, the minister shall register or discharge a claim of lien against the mineral disposition.

(3) All claims of lien registered against a mineral disposition are vacated without further action or notice by the minister on the lapsing, surrender, forfeiture, termination or cancellation of the mineral disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s93.

**Certified copy of documents**

**94(1)** Any person may, on payment of the fee set out in Table 2 of the Appendix, obtain from the minister a certified copy of:

- (a) a printout of an instrument or record stored in the registry;
- (b) an abstract of the notations registered against a mineral disposition; or
- (c) a statement of the current status of the expenditure requirements with respect to a mineral disposition.

(2) For the purposes of section 27.55 of the Act, the minister may certify a copy of a document requested pursuant to subsection (1) by:

- (a) affixing the minister's seal to the printout;
- (b) signing the printout; and
- (c) affixing to the printout the date on which it was prepared.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s94.

**PART XII****Transitional and Coming into Force****Mineral dispositions continued**

**95(1)** Notwithstanding section 4 of *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012*:

- (a) a permit issued pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* that was valid on the day before the coming into force of this section is deemed to be a legacy disposition pursuant to these regulations;
- (b) a claim issued pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* that was valid on the day before the coming into force of this section is deemed to be a legacy disposition pursuant to these regulations; and

- (c) a lease issued pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* that was valid on the day before the coming into force of this section is deemed to be a legacy disposition pursuant to these regulations.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not the mineral disposition area and the mineral disposition lands comply with the provisions of these regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s95.

**Applications received before implementation date**

**96** Notwithstanding section 4 of *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012*, any application for a mineral disposition received pursuant to *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* but not processed before the implementation date shall be evaluated by the minister according to the requirements of *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* and may be registered as a legacy disposition.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s96.

**Maintenance of posts and markings**

**97(1)** Notwithstanding section 4 of *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012*, until the day the boundary of a legacy disposition is confirmed pursuant to section 27.39 of the Act or section 25 of these regulations, the holder shall maintain in a state of repair any posts and markings delineating the mineral disposition lands that were required by *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* so that the posts and markings can be readily identified.

(2) If any posts or markings delineating the mineral disposition lands that are required to be maintained pursuant to subsection (1) are destroyed or obliterated and if their replacement is considered necessary by the minister, the holder shall, within the time specified by the minister and at the holder's expense, replace the posts or markings.

(3) On the day the boundary of a legacy disposition is confirmed pursuant to section 27.39 of the Act or section 25 of these regulations, any posts and markings delineating the mineral disposition lands that were required by *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986* cease to have effect.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s97.

**Temporary doubling of expenditure credits - claims**

**98(1)** In this section, "**eligible expenditure**" means an eligible expenditure as defined in sections 12.1, 37.1 or 56.1 of *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986*, as the case may be, as those definitions read immediately before the day on which *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012* come into force.

(2) Notwithstanding section 4 of *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012*, a holder may apply to the minister to register double the eligible expenditure, if the application meets the requirements of section 12.1, 37.1 or 56.1 of *The Mineral Disposition Regulations, 1986*, as those sections read immediately before the day on which *The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 2012* come into force.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s98.

**Transitional**

**99(1)** In this section, “**transition period**” means the period commencing on the day on which these regulations come into force and ending on the day that is 60 days after the day on which these regulations come into force.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of these regulations, if the time for doing an act pursuant to Part VIII of these regulations falls on a day that is within the transition period, the time for doing that act is extended to the day that is 90 days after the day on which these regulations come into force.

(3) If a mineral disposition would have lapsed but for the extension of time granted pursuant to subsection (2), the minister may set aside the lapsing during the further period mentioned in subsection (2).

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s99.

**Coming into force**

**100(1)** Subject to subsection (2), these regulations come into force on the day on which section 25 of *The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2010* comes into force.

(2) If these regulations are filed with the Registrar of Regulations after the day on which section 25 of *The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2010* comes into force, these regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

30 Nov 2012 cC-50.2 Reg 27 s100.

**Appendix****TABLE 1**

**Mineral Disposition Zone of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park**  
[Section 10]

Those lands, here identified, lying west of the Second Meridian in the Province of Saskatchewan:

Projected Township 74, Range 18

Legal subdivisions 5, 12, 13 and 14 of Section 6;

Legal subdivisions 7, 10, 15, 16 and the west half of Section 7;

Legal subdivisions 4, 5 and the northwest quarter of Section 17;

All of Sections 18 and 19;

Legal subdivisions 2, 7, and the southwest quarter and north half of Section 20;

Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 15 and the northwest quarter of Section 28;

All of Sections 29 to 32 inclusive;

Legal subdivisions 2, 7, 8, and the southwest quarter and north half of Section 33;

Legal subdivision 13 of Section 34

Projected Township 75, Range 18

Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 15 and the northwest quarter of Section 2;  
All of Sections 3 to 10 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 2, 7, 15 and the west half of Section 11;  
Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 of Section 13;  
All of Sections 14 to 23 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Section 24;  
Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 12 and 13 of Section 25;  
All of Sections 26 to 35 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 4 and 5 of Section 36

Projected Township 76, Range 18

Legal subdivision 1 and the west half of Section 2;  
All of Sections 3 to 6 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 11, 12, 14, the southwest quarter and east half of Section 7;  
All of Sections 8 to 10 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 2, 7 and the west half of Section 11;  
Legal subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of Section 14;  
Legal subdivisions 11, 12, 13 and the south half of Section 15;  
All of Sections 16 and 17;  
Legal subdivision 3 and the east half of Section 18;  
Legal subdivision 2 of Section 19;  
Legal subdivision 9 and the southeast quarter of Section 20;  
Legal subdivisions 9, 10, 15, the northwest quarter and south half of Section 21;  
Legal subdivisions 4 and 5 of Section 22

Projected Township 73, Range 19

Legal subdivisions 2, 7, 8, the southwest quarter and north half of Section 7;  
Legal subdivisions 15, 16 and the northwest quarter of Section 8;  
Legal subdivisions 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Section 15;  
Legal subdivision 7, the southwest quarter and north half of Section 16;  
All of Sections 17 to 22 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 10, 15 and the northwest quarter of Section 23;  
Legal subdivisions 12 and 13 of Section 25;  
All of Sections 26 to 35 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 10, 15, 16 and the west half of Section 36

Projected Township 74, Range 19

All of Sections 1 to 29 inclusive;  
Legal subdivisions 11, 12, 14, the northeast quarter and south half of Section 30;  
Legal subdivision 1 of Section 31;  
Legal subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 9 and the southeast quarter of Section 32;  
All of Sections 33 to 36 inclusive

Projected Township 75, Range 19

All of Sections 1 and 2;  
 Legal subdivisions 9, 10, 16 and the southeast quarter of Section 3;  
 Legal subdivision 1 of Section 10;  
 All of Sections 11 to 13 inclusive;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 11 and the east half of Section 14;  
 Legal subdivisions 1, 8 and 9 of Section 23;  
 All of Section 24;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 11, 14 and the east half of Section 25;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 9, 10, 16 and the southeast quarter of Section 36

Projected Township 76, Range 19

Legal subdivisions 1, 8 and 16 of Section 1;  
 Legal subdivisions 1 and 8 of Section 12

Projected Township 72, Range 20

Legal subdivisions 15, 16 and the northwest quarter of Section 33

Projected Township 73, Range 20

Legal subdivisions 15, 16 and the northwest quarter of Section 2;  
 Legal subdivisions 7, 8, the southwest quarter and north half of Section 3;  
 All of Section 4;  
 Legal subdivisions 1, 8 and the northeast quarter of Section 5;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 6, the southeast quarter and north half of Section 8;  
 All of Sections 9 to 17 inclusive;  
 Legal subdivisions 1, 3, and 4 of Section 20;  
 Legal subdivision 11, the northeast quarter and south half of Section 21;  
 All of Sections 22 to 26 inclusive;  
 Legal subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 16 of Section 27;  
 Legal subdivisions 11, 12, 14, the northeast quarter and south half of Section 35;  
 All of Section 36

Projected Township 74, Range 20

All of Section 1;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 6, and the east half of Section 2;  
 Legal subdivisions 9, 16 and the southeast quarter of Section 11;  
 All of Section 12;  
 Legal subdivisions 11, 14, the northeast and south half of Section 13;  
 Legal subdivision 1 of Section 14;  
 Legal subdivisions 3, 6, 11 and the east half of Section 24;  
 Legal subdivisions 1 and 8 of Section 25.

TABLE 2

**Fees, Rentals and Expenditure Requirements**

[Sections 12, 15, 29, 33, 37, 38, 41, 44, 49, 53, 54, 56, 57, 72, 74, 75, 80, 84 and 94]

**A. Fees**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Registry access fee	12(2)(c)	NIL
2. Electronic search of the registry fee	15(1)	NIL
3. Search of paper records and documents pertaining to a legacy disposition	15(2)	\$100.00 per disposition
4. Copy of the paper records and documents pertaining to a legacy disposition	15(3)	\$0.25 per page, minimum of \$25.00 per disposition
5. Registration fee for division or partial surrender of a legacy disposition	29(2)	NIL
6. Registration fee for a permit	33(2)(b)	\$0.30 per hectare, minimum of \$3,000.00
7. Registration fee for conversion of permit to claim	38(1)(b)	\$0.60 per hectare, minimum of \$300.00
8. Registration fee for claim	41(1)(b)	\$0.60 per hectare, minimum of \$300.00
9. Registration fee for lease	49(2)	NIL
10. Registration fee for consolidation of leases	56(2)	NIL
11. Registration fee for conversion of lease to claim	57(3)	\$250 per lease
12. Application for expenditure relief fee	72(3) and 75(3)	NIL
13. Application for extension of time fee	74(3)(b)	\$250 per disposition
14. Registration fee for notice of dispute	80(2)	\$50 per mineral disposition described in the notice
15. Registration fee for transfer of mineral disposition	84(1)	NIL
16. Certified paper copy of mineral disposition	94(1)	\$50 per mineral disposition

**B. Expenditure Requirements - Permits**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Performance cash deposit for permit	33(2)(b)	\$30,000.00
2. Expenditure requirements for a permit	37(1)	\$5.25 per hectare during the term

**C. Expenditure Requirements - Claims**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Expenditure requirements for a claim	44(1)	(a) NIL during the first assessment work period;

		(b) \$15.00 per hectare per assessment work period, from the second to tenth assessment work periods with a minimum of \$240.00 per claim per assessment work period;
		(c) \$25.00 per hectare per assessment work period, for the eleventh assessment work period and all subsequent assessment work periods with a minimum of \$400.00 per claim per assessment work period.
2. Cash deposit to meet claim expenditure requirements for extension of time	74(3)(c)	(a) \$0.041 per hectare per day for the second to tenth assessment work periods; (b) \$0.0684 per hectare per day for subsequent assessment work periods.

#### D. Expenditure Requirements and Rentals - Leases

<i>Description</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Expenditure requirements for a lease	53(1)	(a) \$25.00 per hectare per assessment work period, from the first to tenth assessment work periods with a minimum of \$400.00 per lease per assessment work period. (b) \$50.00 per hectare per assessment work period, from the eleventh to twentieth assessment work periods with a minimum of \$800.00 per lease per assessment work period. (c) \$75.00 per hectare per assessment work period, for the twenty-first assessment work period and all subsequent assessment work periods with a minimum of \$1,200.00 per lease per assessment work period.
2. Lease annual rental fee payable	54(1)	\$10.00 per hectare per year with a minimum of \$1,600.00 per lease per year.

TABLE 3  
**Evidence of Assessment Work**  
 [Subsection 62(1)]

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Supporting Document Requirements</b>
Airborne geophysical survey	<p>(a) full operational data, including types and specifications of instruments used, type of aircraft, ground and altitude control used and terrain clearance;</p> <p>(b) position of all flight lines indicating direction of flight shown on a map;</p> <p>(c) presentation of data in either profile or contour form or any other form best suited to determine its significance;</p> <p>(d) a map including, where appropriate, indications of all anomalous instrument readings with a key to the symbols used; and</p> <p>(e) a complete digital listing, as received by the holder from the contractor, unless a different format or additional data or metadata are requested by the minister.</p>
Drilling and logging	<p>(a) maps showing the location of drill holes and collars;</p> <p>(b) information respecting the type of drilling and hole or core size;</p> <p>(c) the collar locations;</p> <p>(d) information respecting total depth, bearing and dip of the drill holes and any down hole surveys;</p> <p>(e) information respecting location of core storage;</p> <p>(f) complete geological drill logs and the name of the person who logged the core or samples;</p> <p>(g) assays or analyses clearly identified as to hole or core intervals, and if no assays or analyses are provided, the reason for their absence;</p> <p>(h) complete geophysical logs if run, identified as to type of equipment used; and</p> <p>(i) any other type of technical information obtained from core, cuttings or logging and copies of sections.</p>

Geochemical survey	<p>(a) a detailed description of field sampling and analytical techniques;</p> <p>(b) relevant analytical values plotted at the sample locations on a map and contoured or presented in some other manner best suited to determine their significance;</p> <p>(c) sample locations with corresponding sample identification numbers shown on a map; and</p> <p>(d) a complete listing of final corrected topographic co-ordinates and associated attributes in digital form with metadata and other information as requested by the minister.</p>
Geological survey	<p>(a) a report that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a summary of exploration and development done on the mineral disposition lands to the date that field work commenced;</li> <li>(ii) a table of formations;</li> <li>(iii) a detailed geological description of rock types, structures and mineralized zones; and</li> <li>(iv) a full acknowledgment of information obtained from another source and used in the report; and</li> </ul> <p>(b) a map that shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the location of outcrops;</li> <li>(ii) the designation of all outcrops by letters or numbers, corresponding with the list of rock types in the legend and table of formations;</li> <li>(iii) structural data including the attitude of rocks, direction in which they face, foliation and lineation of igneous and metamorphic rocks, locations and nature of folding, actual or assumed position of faults, shear zones and contacts;</li> <li>(iv) the location of mineral showings, zones of mineralization, trenches, drill holes and underground workings; and</li> <li>(v) a table of formations, a list of rock types, a list of symbols.</li> </ul>

Geophysical ground survey	<p>(a) full operational data including the type of instruments used, spacing of readings and ground control used;</p> <p>(b) a map showing the value of each instrument reading, whether anomalous or not, plotted at the location of the corresponding observation point;</p> <p>(c) a complete listing of final corrected topographic co-ordinates locations and associated attributes in a manner acceptable to the minister; and</p> <p>(d) a presentation of data in profile or contour or any other form best suited to determine its significance.</p>
Prospecting	<p>(a) a map of the area prospected showing locations of all traverses made and the locations at which samples were taken;</p> <p>(b) a description of specialized equipment employed and the nature and level of any instrument readings taken; and</p> <p>(c) a detailed description of observations made with respect to overburden, bedrock and mineralization, results obtained for all samples assayed or analysed, and conclusions arrived at.</p>
Trenching and stripping	<p>(a) maps showing locations of trenched or stripped areas, the dimensions of trenches or stripped areas and the locations from which any samples were taken;</p> <p>(b) a geological description of the exposed rock; and</p> <p>(c) assays or analyses clearly identified with sample locations within the trenched or stripped area.</p>

