

**RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PASS TO THE RESOURCE EXPLOITATION
CONCESSION OF SECTION C) "PENOUTA MINE" Nº4880.1, IN THE CITY COUNCIL
OF VIANA DO BOLO, IN THE PROVINCE OF OURENSE.**

Examined the application file to pass the resource exploitation concession of section C) of the research permit "MINA DE PENOUTA" Nº 4880.1, in the municipality of Viana do Bolo, in the province of Ourense, the following results

FACTS

First.- On 28.11.2007, by resolution of the Provincial Delegation of the Consellería de Innovación y Industria de Ourense, the research permit "CONETO" no. 4880, located in Penouta, Viana do Bolo, province of Ourense, in favor of the company "APROVEITAMENTO DE RECURSOS MINERAIS, SL" on an area of thirty-six (36) mining grids, for a period of three years, for the investigation of resources of Section C), metal mining, being resolved on 16.12.2010, by the Territorial Head Office of the Ministry of Economy and Industry to extend said research permit for another three (3) years.

Second.- On 10.10.2012, the change of ownership of the research permit "CONETO" Nº4880 was authorized in favor of the company "PACIFIC STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN, SL" with CIF B37512753.

Third.- By resolution of 08.11.2013 of the General Directorate of Energy and Mines, an extraordinary extension of the research permit "CONETO" no. 4880 in favor of the said company for a further period of three (3) years.

Fourth.- By resolution of 06.02.2017 of the General Directorate of Energy and Mines a second extraordinary extension of such leave was granted for another period of three (3) years.

Fifth.- On 06.02.2020 the company "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" requested the pass for the granting of the research permit called "CONETO" no. 4880, located in Viana do Bolo, province of Ourense, for the exploitation of Sn, Nb, Ta and industrial minerals, resources of section C, in an area of sixteen (16) mining grids.

Sixth.- On 21.08.2020 the company "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" requested the change of denomination of the requested mining right, Coneto no. 4880, by "MINA DE PENOUTA" no. 4880, and the corresponding entry in the register of applications for mining rights, which was made on the same date.





Seventh- On 05.10.2020 the Territorial Head Office required the company "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" documentation proving solvency technical and economic in accordance with article 18 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, of Galician mining management. On 13.10.2020 the aforementioned company answered the required.

Eighth- On 28.10.2020 in accordance with the provisions of article 23 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, the Territorial Head Office requested reports from the following bodies:

- City Council of Viana do Bolo
- Miño-Sil Hydrographic Confederation
- General Directorate of Spatial Planning and Urbanism
- General Directorate of Cultural Heritage
- Directorate General of Rural Development

Ninth- In application of Law 21/2013, of 9 December, on environmental assessment, the 28.10.2020, a report was requested from the Directorate General of Environmental Quality and Change Climatic in order to rule on the assessment procedure to which the said project to pass the concession had to be submitted.

Tenth- On 28.10.2020, the Territorial Head Office sent an Edict to the City Council of Viana of the Cake for display to the public on the bulletin board during the term of thirty days. On 11.12.2020 the City Council of Viana do Bolo signed the certificate of exposure to the public and sent it to the Territorial Headquarters on 12.12.2020.

Eleventh- On 30.10.2020 the General Directorate of Environmental Quality and Change Climate issued a report stating that after verifying that the project is among the cases listed in Annex I, Group 2, section a.5 of Law 21/2013, of December 11, of environmental assessment, it was necessary to submit it to the procedure of ordinary environmental impact assessment, at the same time as indicated in the reports which, in addition to those reflected in Article 23 of Law 3/2008 and Article 37 of the Law 21/2013, should be requested in the consultation period.

Twelfth- On 06.11.2020, the Territorial Head Office requested a report from the bodies which had been designated by the environmental body and which had not been requested previously:

- General Directorate of Livestock, Agriculture and Agri-Food Industries
- Galician Society of Natural History
- Galician Ecological Federation
- Institute of Territorial Studies
- General Directorate of Natural Heritage
- General Directorate of Forest Planning and Management





- General Directorate of Emergencies and Interior

Thirteenth.- By Announcement of 25.02.2021, of the Territorial Headship of Ourense, publicity was given to the exploitation project, the environmental impact study and the restoration plan of the application to pass the concession of the exploitation “MINA DE PENOUTA” N°4880.1, in the municipality of Viana do Bolo (DOG no. 49, of 12.03.2021). Once the public information period has ended, the file contains twelve allegations:

- Montescola Foundation
- Alba María Rivas Fernández
- Ecologists in Acción Coruña
- María do Pilar Barros Barco
- Asociación do Monte Galego
- Kiss the Wolf Environmental Association
- Brasília Louro Lago
- Adrián Alonso Couso
- Iria Graña Troitiño
- Ramón Rodríguez Vilar
- Andrea Aris Couso
- Miguel Varela Portas Castro

Fourteenth.- At the end of the public information and consultation process, on 15.06.2021 the Territorial Head Office provided “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” with the reports and allegations received, in accordance with the provisions of article 38 of Law 21/2013, of 9 of December, except that of the Directorate General of Natural Heritage for not having been received.

On 29.07.2021, “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” provided documentation to respond to the reports and allegations.

15th _ C) “PENOUTA MINE” N°4880.1.

Sixteenth- On 23.09.2021 the Directorate General of Environmental Quality, Sustainability and Climate Change informed the Territorial Head Office that since the operation bordering the northwestern area with the ZEC of Pena Trevinca was essential to have the report of the Directorate General of Natural Heritage.





Seventeenth.- On 27.09.2021 the Territorial Head Office reiterated to the General Directorate of Natural Heritage the need for it to issue the report in accordance with the provisions of the previous fact.

Eighteenth.- On 19.11.2021 the Directorate General of Natural Heritage referred to the Territorial Headquarters the requested report, who sent it to the mercantile on 23.11.2021, and it responded on 24.11.2021.

Nineteenth.- On 26.11.2021, the report of the General Directorate of Natural Heritage was sent together with the response of "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" to the General Directorate of Environmental Quality, Sustainability and Climate Change for the issuance of the DIA .

Twenty.- On 14.12.2021, the Directorate General of Environmental Quality, Sustainability and Climate Change formulated the DIA in a favorable manner, which was made public by announcement of 15 December 2021, (file 2020/0238. DOG no. 51, of 15.03.2022).

Twenty-first.- On 13.04.2022, the Energy and Mines Service of the Territorial Head Office of Ourense issued a technical report in favor of the concession of the mining right of resources of section C) "MINA DE PENOUTA" N°4880.1.

Twenty-second.- After completing the investigation of the file, on 19.04.2022 the Territorial Head Office of the Second Vice-Presidency and the Ministry of Economy, Business and Innovation of Ourense issued a resolution proposal in the sense of granting the pass to the concession of exploitation of resources of section C) of the research permit "MINA DE PENOUTA" no. 4880.1 for the resources Sn, Nb, Ta and industrial minerals, on an area of 16 mining grids, also proposing the approval of the exploitation project and the restoration plan, as well as the obligations to which it must be subject to said exploitation concession. .

LEGAL AND TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

First.- In accordance with the provisions of article 39 of Decree 230/2020, of 23 December, which establishes the organic structure of the Second Vice-Presidency and the Ministry of Economy, Business and Innovation (DOG no. 5, of 11.01.2021) , corresponds to the Territorial Headquarters the instruction of the procedures and the elaboration of the proposal of resolution of granting of the mining rights, authorization of his modifications, transmissions, renewals or extensions, declaration of expiration and the authorization of restoration plans.

Second.- According to the provisions of article 16 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of Mining in Galicia, the person in charge of the ministry responsible for mines of the Autonomous Community of Galicia is responsible for resolving the granting of mining rights , delegated competence in the person in charge of the Directorate General of Energy Planning and Natural Resources in accordance with Article 2 of the Order of 21 March 2022 (DOG No. 63 of 31.03.2022) on





delegation of powers in various bodies of the Second Vice-Presidency and the Ministry of Economy, Business and Innovation.

Third.- The legislation applicable to this file is:

- Law 22/1973, of 21 July, on mines.
- Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of mining in Galicia.
- Law 21/2013, of 9 December, on environmental assessment.
- Royal Decree 2875/1978, of 25 August, approving the general regulations for the mining regime.
- Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, on the management of waste from the extractive industries and the protection and rehabilitation of the space affected by activities miners.

Fourth.- The mineral resource object of the exploitation can be classified in the Section C) of the Law 22/1973, of 21 July, of Mines, according to the established in his article 3:

“Mineral deposits and other geological resources are classified for this purpose Law, in the following sections: C) This section includes how many mineral deposits and geological resources are not included in the previous ones and are subject to use in accordance with this Law. ”

Fifth.- The use of the resources of section C), is regulated by the Title IV of the Law 3/2008, of 23 May, of ordenación of the Mining of Galicia, establishing in his article 15 that:

- “1. The mining rights granted or requested in the territory of the Autonomous Community of Galicia shall be in accordance with the provisions of this title.*
- 2. Mining rights regulated in the specific mining legislation are: (...) c) Exploration permits, exploration permits and mining concessions of resources C) and D).*
- 3. With the specialties provided for in this Law, a unitary and integrated procedure is established for the granting of all mining rights in the territory of the Autonomous Community, regardless of the type of resource and the mining activity carried out. ”*

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 28.1 of the said Law, the resolution of the pass to the exploitation concession shall be granted imposing the appropriate conditions regarding the protection of the environment: *“The resolution granting a mining right shall have the following minimum content: competent mining body for the exercise of exploration, research and exploitation activities, as well as for profit establishments. (...) e) The prescriptions that guarantee, in his case, the protection of the natural resources. ”*

In addition, Article 29 of the aforementioned Law 3/2008, of 23 May, states that mining concessions will be granted for a period of thirty years, and may be extended up to a maximum of seventy-five years.

Sixth.- In accordance with article 88 of Royal Decree 2857/1978, of 25 August, approving the General Regulations for the Mining Regime: *“1. As soon as the*





research sufficiently demonstrates the existence of a resource or resources of Section C), and always within the term of validity of the research permit, its holder may apply for the grant of exploitation on all or part of the land included in the perimeter of research. The research permits will be considered extended for the period of processing of the grant award dossier. 2. If the application does not include all the grids of the permit, the investigation may continue in the unsolicited ones until the expiry of its term and, where applicable, of the extensions obtained.

(...) 3. Once the permit has expired and the extensions, if any, have been exhausted, without any rationally exploitable resource being revealed, it will expire in accordance with the provisions of Title VII of the Law and these Regulations. ”

Seventh.- Regarding the fulfillment of the requirements of the applicable regulations, the favorable Technical Report of the Energy and Mines Service of 13.04.2022 describes that the exploitation project states that the calculated reserves indicate the existence of more than 100 million tons of susceptible ore. of being exploited.

It also reports that a 6-phase operation is planned, in which a total of 50 million tonnes of ore will be extracted over 30 years.

During these phases of exploitation, “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” will carry out geological studies to corroborate the existence of the remaining reserves, and if feasible, will request the extension of the exploitation concession.

It indicates that the operation will be carried out in the open, with the start of the materials by drilling and blasting in workbenches of 10 to 15 meters high and that the area requested for the concession of exploitation is 16 mining grids out of a total of 36 grids mining covered by the research permit. The requested 16 grids are affected by the perimeter of the projected farm.

Eighth.- With regard to compliance with the provisions of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, on the management of waste from the extractive industries and the protection and rehabilitation of the area affected by mining activities, Article 4 states that: “1. *Prior to the granting of an authorization, permit or concession regulated by Mining Law 22/1973, of 21 July, the applicant must submit to the mining authority a plan for the restoration of the natural space affected by the mining works, the content of which will be adjusted. to that established in this Royal Decree, taking into account the specific aspects of its activity that may have negative effects on the environment or human health. The aforementioned plan must be accompanied by the documentation corresponding to the application for authorization, permit or concession (...).* 2. *Authorizations, permits or concessions regulated by the Mining Act may not be granted without having authorized the restoration plan and, once granted, work may not begin until*





constituted the corresponding financial guarantees or equivalent to ensure compliance (...). ”

In relation to the above, the Technical Report of the Energy and Mines Service of 13.04.2022 states that *“In compliance with articles 3 and 4 of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, on waste management in the extractive and protection industries and rehabilitation of the area affected by mining activities, the applicant provided the restoration plan and documentation proving the capacity and sufficient technical, economic and financial solvency to ensure the development of the exploitation works and compliance with the restoration plan and that “the restoration includes a detailed description of the restoration work of the land affected by the extractive activity and revegetation to be developed, its monitoring and a detailed schedule of actions and budget. ”*

Ninth.- As for the budget of the exploitation project, investments are foreseen, both in the extraction area and in the profit establishment, of € 40,451,996.00, being the budget of the exploitation works of the first year of 1,670,000.00 €.

In relation to economic solvency, article 18 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of Mining in Galicia, includes the following:

“The justification of the financial solvency of the applicant may be proven by one or more of the following means:

- In the case of legal entities, the presentation of annual accounts or statements of the same.*
- A statement relating to the overall turnover and mining work carried out by the applicant during the last five years.*
- Any other documentation considered sufficient by the competent mining body. ”*

For the accreditation of the economic solvency required to be the holder of the mining right, “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” has provided an extract of the last annual accounts (years 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016), which reflects a turnover rising over time , being in the last year of € 23,357,045.06. Analyzing the documents provided, as the company increases its turnover, the costs of personnel, material in supplies and other costs of different order increase, but the profit continues to increase and results in an increase in turnover the following year.

The economic data provided by “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” were validated by the presentation at the Territorial Headquarters of Ourense of a responsible declaration of Mr. Alfonso Granda González, with DNI 50807449N as Chief Financial Officer of the entity “STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL” with CIF B37512753 and through independent audit reports of annual accounts





abbreviated for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 conducted by independent auditors.

In accordance with the above, according to the Technical Report, it can be determined that the company "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" enjoys an acceptable state of economic solvency.

Tenth.- With regard to technical solvency, article 18 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of Galician Mining, includes the following:

"Technical solvency may be accredited by one or more of the following means:

- Academic and professional qualifications and experience of the staff of the company.*
- A statement of the material resources and technical equipment available to the applicant for the execution of its mining program.*
- A statement on the company's personal workforce, indicating, where applicable, the degree of stability in their employment and the importance of their management teams over the last five years.*
- Any other documentation established by regulations. "*

The technical solvency of "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" is accredited by the following facts:

- It has a total of 42 employees on its payroll, including technical, administrative and operational staff.
- For the work of separation and concentration of ore, it has the plant associated with the establishment of the benefit of the authorization of use of resources of section B) "PENOUTA" N°61.
- In addition, it has the external support of the consultancy "Independent Consultants in Management of Natural Resources, SA (CRN)" in the field of mining planning and environmental management.
- The earthmoving tasks are carried out by the company "Transportes Maquinaria y Obras SA (TRAMOSA)" specialized in earthmoving in the field of mining.
- The company "Explosivos y Voladuras Cerromar SLU" will be in charge of drilling and blasting operations.
- The work of analysis of laws in samples of the different stages of the process will be carried out by the company "ALS Laboratory Group".

In accordance with the above and based on the report of the technical staff of the Territorial Head Office, it is considered that the technical capacity of "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" is sufficiently accredited.





Eleventh.- In relation to the financial guarantee, in order to guarantee compliance with the restoration of the space affected by the operation, the provisions of article 32 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, and article 42 of the Royal Decree must be taken into account. Decree 975/2009, of 12 June.

- Article 32 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of Galician Mining, establishes that:

“1. The person holding a mining right will have to provide a sufficient financial guarantee or equivalent before the perceptive communication of the start of work. ”

- Article 42 of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, on the management of waste from the extractive industries and the protection and rehabilitation of the area affected by mining activities, establishes that:

“1. The competent authority shall require, before the commencement of any tillage activity, the provision of a financial guarantee or equivalent to ensure compliance with the obligations imposed in the authorization of the restoration plan for the rehabilitation of land affected by exploitation, preparation, concentration and benefit of mineral resources. ”

The calculation of the amount to be imposed is carried out as the sum of two concepts, as specified in article 32 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May:

“3. One responds to the fulfillment of the obligations of financing and viability of the mining works and the other responds to the fulfillment of the plan of environmental restoration. With regard to the guarantee that it is responsible for the fulfillment of the obligations of financing and viability of the mining works, its amount will be of 4% of the investment budget. ”

“4. With regard to the guarantee that will be responsible for compliance with the environmental restoration plan, its amount will be determined in accordance with the following criteria: a) Actual cost of all restoration work in accordance with the approved restoration project. ”

Taking into account these articles and the data collected in the exploitation project and restoration plan, the Territorial Head Office proposes a guarantee of **€ 3,243,370.84** , consisting of the sum of two items, € 1,618,079.84 responding to compliance with the obligations of financing and environmental viability and for € 1,625,291.00 responding to compliance with the restoration plan.

Because the first phase of operation, according to the restoration plan, involves the first five years in which the occupation of the entire exploitation gap will be progressively completed, the total amount of the concept of compliance with the restoration plan may be divided into five. exercises, presenting together with the work plan for the first five years, the amount of € 325,058.20 for the extension of the guarantee until the total amount of the proposed guarantee has been completed.

The financial guarantee would be established as follows:

- Year 0 (before the start of the exploitation works): € 1,943,138.04.





- Year 1: € 2,268,196.24.
- Year 2: € 2,593,254.44.
- Year 3: € 2,918,312.64.
- Year 4: € 3,243,370.84.

The guarantees will be updated together with the delivery of the work plan for the corresponding year. Updating the amounts according to the Year-on-Year Consumer Price Index.

Twelfth.- In relation to compliance with Law 21/2013, of 9 December, on environmental assessment, the procedure for passing the concession of the mining right of resources of section C) "PENOUTA MINE" N°4880.1, has been submitted to the procedure of ordinary environmental impact assessment and as a result the corresponding DIA of 14.12.2021 was formulated, by virtue of which, it considers that the project is environmentally viable as long as the conditions established in the corresponding environmental statement are met, in addition to those included in the documentation assessed, with the provisions of the DIA prevailing in the event of a contradiction

In its section 2.2. *FILE ANALYSIS* It is literally stated that

"The environmental dossier contains, among other documentation, the public exhibition announcements, the allegations presented and the reports received as a result of the public information and consultation procedures.

The procedures for Public Information and Consultations were carried out in accordance with the provisions of Law 21/2013.

The documentation complies with the relevant applicable legislation and both the allegations and the reports issued have been taken into account both in the preparation of the study and in the processing of this statement. (...)"

For the above,

Having regard to the administrative file, Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the organization of Galician Mining, Law 22/1973, of 21 July, on Mining, and the General Regulations for the Mining Regime, of 25 August of 1978, Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, on the management of waste from the extractive industries and the protection and rehabilitation of the area affected by mining activities, and other implementing regulations, the technical report of 13.04.2022 and the proposal of resolution of the territorial head of the VCEEI in Ourense of 19.04.2022,

I RESOLVE

1.- **Grant** the pass for the granting of the "MINA DE PENOUTA" research permit no. 4880.1 (formerly "CONETO" N°4880) for the exploitation of the resources of section C) Sn, Nb, Ta and industrial minerals, on an area of sixteen (16) mining grids defined by the following coordinates (geographical in ETRS





89, spindle 29), in the municipality of Viana do Bolo, in the province of Ourense, in favor of "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" with NIF B37512753, for a period of 30 years extendable up to a maximum of 75, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 30 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of mining in Galicia.

Vertex	UTM ETRS coordinates 89 spindle 29	
	X	Y
1	662,708.54	4,673,733.51
2	664,543.36	4,673,776.19
3	664,601.07	4,671,308.56
4	662,765.60	4,671,265.88

2.-Approve the project of exploitation of the pass the concession of the mining right of resources of section C) "PENOUTA MINE" no. 4880.1 for obtaining resources of section C) Sn, Nb, Ta and industrial minerals, in the municipal term of Viana do Bolo, in the province of Ourense, signed on 28.07.2020 by Rubén Alonso Barrio, collegiate number 2604 of the official college of technical engineers of mines of Castilla y León (north) and Cantabria. Visa on 28.07.2020 by the official college of technical mining engineers of Castilla y León (north) and Cantabria with the code LV55 / 2020 and registration number CL2000113.

Vertex	UTM ETRS coordinates 89 spindle 29	
	X	Y
1	662,708.54	4,673,733.51
2	664,543.36	4,673,776.19
3	664,601.07	4,671,308.56
4	662,765.60	4,671,265.88

3. Authorize the concession restoration plan signed on 28.07.2020 by Rubén Alonso Barrio, collegiate number 2604 of the official college of technical engineers of mines of Castilla y León (north) and Cantabria. Visa on 28.07.2020 by the school officer of technical mining engineers of Castilla y León (north) and Cantabria co code LV55 / 2020 and registration number CL2000113.





4. Set as the amount of the financial guarantee to ensure compliance with the provided in the restoration plan the amount of € 1,625,291.00 and, to respond of the fulfillment of the obligations of financing and viability of the works a amount of € 1,618,079.84, in accordance with the tenth legal consideration first, and in accordance with the provisions of article 32 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, and no Article 42 of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June.

5. **Declare the expiration** for the administrative purposes of the remaining twenty (20) mining grids of the research permit "CONETO" no. 4880 (now, "MINA DE PENOUTA" núm. 4880), defined by the following coordinates:

Vertex	UTM ETRS coordinates 89 spindle 29	
	X	Y
1	662,249.83	4,673,722.92
2	662,708.54	4,673,733.51
3	662,765.60	4,671,265.88
4	664,601.07	4,671,308.56
5	664,543.36	4,673,776.19
6	665,002.07	4,673,786.94
7	665,088.86	4,670,085.49
8	662,335.18	4,670,021.47

This authorization is subject to compliance by "STRATEGIC MINERALS SPAIN SL" of the conditions and obligations indicated below:

- Prior to the mandatory communication of the start of work, the right holder shall constitute a financial guarantee in any of the forms set out in Article 32 of Law 3/2008, of 23 May, on the regulation of mining in Galicia, and no Article 41 of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June on waste management extractive industries and of protection and rehabilitation of the spaces affected by the mining activities.

The financial guarantee would be established as follows:

- Year 0 (before the start of the exploitation works): € 1,943,138.04.





- Year 1: € 2,268,196.24 (together with the work plan corresponding to the second anus)
- Year 2: € 2,593,254.44 (together with the work plan corresponding to the third anus)
- Year 3: € 2,918,312.64 (together with the work plan corresponding to the fourth anus)
- Year 4: € 3,243,370.84 (together with the work plan corresponding to the fifth anus)

The guarantees will be updated together with the delivery of the work plan for the corresponding year, and the amounts will be updated in accordance with the Inter-Year Consumer Price Index.

The presentation of the work plan without providing the justification for the constitution of the corresponding guarantee may lead to the non-approval of the work plan submitted, without prejudice to the initiation of the expiration file of the mining right, or the sanctioning file that may proceed. in accordance with current legislation.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be without prejudice to the obligation to restore the affected areas.

- The right holder must present to the Territorial Headquarters of the VCEEI in Ourense within 30 days, proof of having taken out liability insurance to deal with possible damage to people, animals, property or the environment by the work performed in the exploitation in accordance with article 33 of the Law 3/2008, of 23 May, of ordenación of the mining of Galicia.

- The holder of the exploitation concession must start the exploitation works within a maximum period of one year which will be calculated from the day following the notification of this resolution and is obliged to keep it active with the intensity programmed in the approved project and in the annual work plans. To this end, it shall notify the Territorial Headquarters of the VCEEI in Ourense the date of start of the works and at the same time it will send the receipt of having constituted the financial guarantee and the civil liability insurance.

- Within 6 months from the date on which this resolution is notified, the holder must submit to the Territorial Head Office the work plan corresponding to the first calendar year.

- The exploitation works must be carried out subject to the approved exploitation project and restoration plan and comply with the conditions imposed in the DIA formulated by the General Directorate of Quality and Environmental Assessment, Sustainability and Climate Change on 14.12.2021.





- To ensure compliance with the restoration project, the environmental monitoring plan contained in the environmental impact study will be developed, adapting it and extending it to the determinations of the DIA.

- The restoration plan must be reviewed every 5 years in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of Royal Decree 975/2009, of 12 June, and in the event that substantial changes have occurred that affect its content, including changes in end use. of the ground, will have to present before the Territorial Headship of Ourense the corresponding update of the referred plan for his authorization.

Likewise, the financial guarantee for the fulfillment of the conditions imposed in the aforesaid plan will be reviewed annually, taking into account the rehabilitation works that have been carried out and the areas affected.

This resolution is issued for administrative purposes, without prejudice to any other civil liability or obligation, without prejudice to third parties and without excluding the need to obtain other licenses or authorizations necessary for the development of the scheduled activity and will only be valid as long as the conditions persist. imposed in the same and does not incur in cause of expiration by breach of the valid legislation on the matter.

The Territorial Head Office of Ourense will make the appropriate entries in the Register of Mining Rights

In accordance with the provisions of Article 106.f) of the General Regulations for the Mining Regime, approved by Royal Decree 2857/1978, of 25 August, non-compliance with the conditions set out in this Resolution may be subject to the expiry of the mining right.

The following appeals may be lodged against this decision, which is final in administrative proceedings, without prejudice to the interested parties being able to bring any other action they deem appropriate: a. Optional appeal for reversal, before the Second Vice President and Minister of Economy, Business and Innovation, within one month from the day following the notification of this resolution. b. Contentious-administrative appeal, before the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the Superior Court of Justice of Galicia, within two months from the day following the notification of this resolution.

This Resolution shall be notified to the interested parties, to the council in which the mining project is located, to the various bodies that have issued mandatory reports and, where applicable, to the other competent administrative bodies.

Santiago de Compostela, on the date and time of the digital signature
First Vice President and Minister of Economy, Industry and Innovation

PD (Order of 21/03/2022, DOG no. 63 of 31/03/2022)

The Director General of Energy Planning and Natural Resources
Paula Uría Traba

