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**Consultation in accordance with Article 5 of the Espoo Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context regarding the
plans for graphite mining at Nunasvaara South.**

On the 5th of May 2022, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) invited Finland in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention to provide comments on Talga ABs permit application and environmental impact assesment (EIA) for the plans for establish a graphite mining operation at the Nunasvaara South mine.

SEPA now invites Finnish authorities, organisations and the public to provide possible comments on Talga ABs reply on prior statements and the new documentations presented by the developer.

The planned project

The developer, Talga AB, has submitted an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and an application for a permit in accordance with the Environmental Code (1998: 808) to the Land and Environmental Court for the proposed mining operations at the so called Nunasvaara South mine.

The mining operation is planned to consist of up to 120,000 tonnes per year; an annual average of approximately 100,000 tonnes of ore which enables graphite production of about 25,000 tonnes. Mining and enrichment to this extent is estimated to give rise to an average of approximately 81,000 tonnes of enrichment sand on a yearly basis and an average of about 380,000 tonnes of gray rock per year. Production is planned to be gradually increased over time and the developer has considered it economically feasible to extract 2.43 million tonnes of ore during the mine's lifetime of approximately 24-25 years given the current knowledge of the ore's distribution.

Attached to this letter you will find the developers reply to received comments, both from Swedish authorities and Finnish parties. The document contains both a Swedish version and a translated Finnish version.

Upcoming process

The Swedish environmental court in Umeå has now planned the dates for the main hearing of the case, it is set out to start around the beginning of February 2023. All eventual comments to the additional documentations will be translated into Swedish so that the company can respond to these at the latest in connection with the main hearing. After the main hearing is over, the court goes into deliberations, and if there are no special reasons, the court's decision shall be announced within two months after the main hearing was concluded.

The Swedish environmental protection agency kindly requests Finland to submit potential comments from Finnish authorities, organizations and the public to Talga ABs reply and additional documents **no later than the 30th of November 2022.**

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to:
registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate case number: NV-06053-21 and "Nunasvaara South" in your answer.

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Attachments

The developers reply to received comments both I Sweden and Finland (Swedish and Finnish)

Cc.

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