

## Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on a Category B Project

### *Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act*

#### **Compass Minerals Canada Corp. – Mining Rights Only Lease Renewal**

The Ministry of Mines invites you to comment on the renewal of an existing mining lease, #107377, for the underground mine operations of the Goderich Salt Mine below Lake Huron. The lessee has met the conditions for renewal for a 21-year term lease, and while the ministry is obliged by the terms of the existing lease to grant the requested renewal, the ministry has discretion with respect to the terms and conditions that will apply to the renewed lease.

The ministry proposes to retain the existing terms and conditions in the lease that confirms the lease is subject to applicable environmental legislation, as well as terms and conditions related to water quality and protection of fishing rights. The ministry invites you to identify and communicate any concerns or comments in relation to the ministry's consideration of appropriate terms and conditions for the renewed mining lease.

We do not anticipate any new environmental impacts associated with the renewal of the lease. The ongoing environmental effects of the Goderich salt mine are managed and mitigated through other regulatory processes and not through the terms of the lease.

This proposed Category B project is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Activities under the Mining Act* (Class EA). You are invited to provide input and express any concerns about this proposed project. Comments must be received by **December 17, 2023**. For more information, or to submit comments on the project, please contact:

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Please note that personal information provided in a submission (such as name, address, and telephone number) and your views and opinions are being collected by the ministry under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act for the purpose of engaging in public consultation and making decisions regarding the project. The personal information may also be shared with the Environmental Approvals and Permissions Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The collection, use, and disclosure of this information are all governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the contact listed above.

Figure 1: Project Location

