NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on July 18, 2024, Gold Bond Canada, Ltd. registered the Gold Bond Mine Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to allow Gold Bond Canada, Ltd. to expand the mine footprint at its existing approved gypsum mine site that has been in operation since 1954 and is located near Milford Station, Nova Scotia (Parcel Identification Number 40829681). The project will expand the area of the gypsum mine from 445 hectares (ha) to 459 ha and allow for continued gypsum production (i.e., blasting, crushing, and stockpiling). The Project will use existing rail loading and transport, as well as marine loading facilities in the Bedford Basin. The approximately 14 ha expansion area maintains a 30 m buffer to the adjacent property to the north; work could start in this area within one year of approval and extractable reserves in the project area are estimated to be fully mined within 10 years at the current average annual rate of production, which is expected to remain consistent. The anticipated average production rate for the expanded mine facility will be at the 20-year average of 3.1 million tonnes of product per year, depending on market demand. Other than the increased size, the mine will continue to operate as it has been. The expansion will require an amendment to the existing Industrial Approval.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Carrolls Corner Community Centre, 9 Milford Road, Carrolls Corner, NS
- Corridor Co-op Food Market, 2295 Highway 2, Milford NS
- Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change, 30 Damascus Road, Suite 115, Bedford NS
- EA website (when available) http://www.novascotia/ca/nse/ea

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch Nova Scotia Environment P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before August 17, 2024 or contact the Department at (902) 424-3600, (902) 424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@novascotia.ca.

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department's website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department's website.

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