DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Minerals Exploration Plan on State Nonferrous Metallic Minerals Leases

Encampment Minerals, Inc. Exploration Plan Submitted on 07/17/2017 DNR Summary Report

Encampment Minerals, Inc. (Encampment) submitted an exploration plan on July 17, 2017 and it is summarized here by the DNR. Their state nonferrous metallic minerals leases require that they submit a plan. The proposed exploration activities are shown in a standard format and legend. This report was created by the Minnesota DNR, Division of Lands and Minerals.



This report is posted on the DNR's exploration plan webpage.

Figure 1 – Locator map for exploration plan

DNR Summary Report

Exploration Plan Summarized by the Minnesota DNR on July 24, 2017

Narrative: Encampment Minerals, Inc., an exploration company, plans to explore for metallic mineral deposits on 5 of its state nonferrous metallic mineral leases. The project area is about 5 miles south of Hoyt Lakes in St. Louis County (see Figure 1). They plan to drill exploratory borings into the bedrock on up to 15 drill sites. The company may need to adjust some of the drill sites up to 500 feet depending on new data and ground conditions. The company states that drill sites will be located no less than 300 feet from the St. Louis River. The work will occur in winter when the ground is frozen. The company has drilled in this project area since 2009 on an intermittent basis. They submitted an Exploration Plan to the DNR for review on July 17, 2017.

State nonferrous metallic mineral leases: MM-10207-N, MM-10208-N, MM-10209-N, MM-10256-N, and MM-10258-N

Public Land Survey location: Township 57, Range 14, Sections 3, 4, 9, & 10

Types of exploration activity: Exploratory Borings and down hole geophysical surveys.

Expected time period of activity: December 2017 through April 2018

Plans to access exploration sites: The Explorer will use existing access trails and develop some new trails as shown in Figure 2.

Surface ownership: Upon DNR approval the Explorer has the right to work on state-owned surface, which covers most of these state mineral leases. Other parties own the surface over some of the leased state mineral parcels and adjacent lands. The Explorer states they will not conduct exploration activities on those lands or use existing access trails without prior agreement with the landowners.

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