

TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED DALRADIAN GOLD MINE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED IN COUNTY TYRONE ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE SPERRIN MOUNTAINS

In accordance with the provisions of the 1991 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ("the Espoo Convention"), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) received notification from the Northern Ireland (NI) Department for Infrastructure ("DfI") in relation to a development consent application for a mine by Dalradian Gold Limited and two development consent applications for powerlines by Northern Ireland Electricity.

The three planning applications are comprised of (but not limited to) planning permission for underground valuable minerals mining and exploration located in County Tyrone (the mine application) and the construction of a 33kV power line consisting of both an above ground 33kV overhead line and an underground 33kV cable to provide a necessary electrical connection to the mine in question (the powerline applications).

For the purposes of Regulation 48(2)(b) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 the above applications were subject to environmental screening by DfI. The subsequent environmental statements determined that the proposed development may have transboundary environmental impacts in this State. These environmental statements can be found on the DfI website at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

In accordance with article 132 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, a nationwide public consultation will open for submissions on 26 February 2025. A member of the public may make a written submission or observation in relation to the potential transboundary environmental effects of the project, **by close of business on 23 April 2025** at the latest. Submissions or observations should be made to:

planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Members of the public may wish to visit the Donegal County Council public consultation portal at the link below to view correspondence from NI's DfI, digital copies of extracts from the applicant's Environmental Statement, associated documents and links provided by NI's DfI to the full Environmental Statement and all other documentation relating to the development consent application for the proposed development.

<https://consult.donegal.ie/en/consultation/transboundary-public-consultation-dalradian-gold-mine-project-co-tyrone>

The public consultation documents can be made available to view in the office of the Planning Section of each local authority nationwide during office hours, by appointment if required. A copy of these documents is available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours. Links to all documents will be made available online by each local authority. Please contact your Local Authority for further details.

Viewings may be by appointment only in certain local authority offices, it is strongly advised to contact your local authority to clarify the position in this regard before travelling to view the documentation. All documentation related to the development consent application for the proposed development is also available to view on the website of NI's DfI, including any additional information accepted by NI's DfI at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

Links to the individual planning applications and their associated documents can be found on the NI's planning portal site pages:

- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/685151>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149301>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149709>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149710>

Additionally, further to the three applications detailed above which DfI have decided require transboundary consultation, DfI have also provided links to the five applications below which members of the public are free to review and consider in their submissions:

- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/application-consent-discharge-trc-8020>
- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/application-consent-discharge-trc-08120>
- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/dalradian-gold-applications-abstraction-and-impoundment>
- <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/modified-abandonment-crockanboy-road-greencastle-county-tyrone>



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