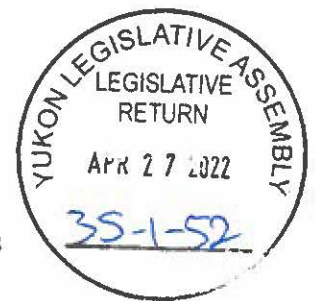


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SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On March 23, 2022, Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South
 - asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 1538-1539 of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Mining legislation / Vangorda

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:
 - Bill No. # Second Reading Third Reading
 - Committee of the Whole: [Vote]
 - Motion No. # RE: [subject]
 - at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Please note questions below are paragraphed from *Hansard*.

QUESTION 1: Can the Minister tell us what legislation needs to be changed for the Vangorda sales process? When will consultation begin on those changes and when can we expect it to be introduced in the house?

ANSWER 1:

Amendments to the Quartz Mining Act may be required to transfer a portion of expired claims on the Vangorda property held by the Government of Yukon to Tse Zul Development Corporation. The Act presently only allows for the transfer of active claims and we are examining options. The specific need for and the timing of these amendments is being established through the Government of Yukon's legislative prioritization process, currently underway.

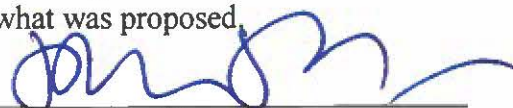
Legislative amendments are not required to transfer active claims held by the Government of Yukon and the Trustee (Deloitte Restructuring Inc.). Active claims held by the Government of Yukon will be transferred once the agreements pertaining to the Vangorda sale have been finalized. Claims held by the Trustee will be transferred following finalization of the sale agreements and subsequent court approval.

As a signatory to the Devolution Transfer Agreement, agreement from Selkirk First Nation is required to finalize the Vangorda sale process. An agreement has been developed as required under section 6.64 of the Devolution Transfer Agreement and is awaiting comment and signature from Selkirk First Nation.

QUESTION 2: Are the Quartz Mining Act changes proposed in 2018 the same ones the Minister intends to bring forward for the Vangorda sales process? If not, what would be different?

ANSWER 2: In 2018, amendments to the Quartz Mining Act to allow for the transfer of expired claims were only a small component of what was proposed.

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Any future legislative amendments to the Quartz Mining Act that may be required will involve consultation with First Nations, stakeholders and the public. Feedback received during consultation would inform any potential changes to the legislation, including changes pertaining to Type II sites such as the Vangorda property.

QUESTION 3: What will the court process required to transfer the active claims entail? Can it be initiated before the legislative changes are done? How much has been budgeted for these legal proceedings?

ANSWER 3: The Trustee (Deloitte Restructuring Inc.) will seek court approval to transfer the claims they currently hold to Tse Zul Development Corporation. Court approval will be sought following finalization of the sale agreements. As these claims are currently active (i.e., not expired), the transfer is not dependent on legislative changes.

The Government of Canada is responsible for funding the Trustee. Therefore, the Government of Yukon is unable to answer questions pertaining to allocated budget for the proceedings.

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