

PUBLIC NOTICE State of Michigan Metallic Minerals Lease Application Virtual Public Meeting

Aquila Resources USA Inc, of Stephenson, Michigan, has requested direct, metallic mineral leases from the state of Michigan covering the following described Department of Natural Resources metallic mineral rights located within Holmes Township and Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan, containing 1988 acres, more or less, further described as:

Leasable Development

T35N, R28W, Section 5, S1/2 SW1/4; SW1/4 SE1/4 (120 acres m/l); Section 8, NE1/4; N1/2 NW1/4; SE1/4 NW1/4 (280 acres m/l)

Leasable Development with Restrictions

T36N, R28W, Section 32, S1/2 S1/2 (160 acres m/l)

T35N, R28W, Section 4, W1/2 W1/2 (166 acres m/l); Section 5, N1/2; N1/2 S1/2;

SE1/4 SE1/4 (542 acres m/l); Section 6, SE1/4 (160 acres m/l); Section 7, NE1/4;

NE1/4 NW1/4 (200 acres m/l); Section 8, SW1/4 NW1/4 (40 acres m/l)

T35N, R29W, Section 12, NE1/4; NE1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4 (240 acres m/l)

Leasable Nondevelopment

T35N, R28W, Section 6, NE1/4 SW1/4 (40 acres m/l)

T35N, R29W, Section 1, SE1/4 SE1/4 (40 acres m/l)

If approved by DNR, a lease to Aquila Resources USA Inc would grant the exclusive right to explore for the presence of metallic minerals in the described areas. A lease alone does not grant a lessee a right to mine.

The DNR Minerals Management Section will hold a virtual informational public meeting regarding the lease application on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. EST. Interested parties may join the meeting by going to

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/497847189230147852. Based upon the necessary technology to conduct a virtual meeting and offer two-way communication for public comment, registration is required for those who desire to provide public comment during the meeting. Should you not want to provide public comment and desire to only observe the meeting anonymously, or if you do not have internet access, please use the phone option by dialing 1(631)992-3221 and using access code 614-394-882. This meeting will be recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public on the DNR website.

A multi-agency panel will respond to written questions from the public regarding the lease application during this meeting. Questions may be submitted to DNR, Minerals Management Section, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909 or DNR-LeaseManagement@michigan.gov. Please include Aquila in the subject line. Written questions received by November 18, 2021, will be addressed during the meeting; questions received after November 18, 2021, will be answered via email.

The meeting will also include a public comment period. Anyone wishing to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting will be allowed two minutes to speak.