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From: Environment Assessment Web Account <EA@novascotia.ca>
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Subject: New EA Registration - Gold Bond Gypsum Mine Expansion Project - Gold Bond Canada, Ltd - Milford, NS

Hello,

This is to advise that on July 18, 2024, Gold Bond Canada, Ltd registered the Gold Bond Gypsum Mine Expansion Project for environmental assessment (EA), in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*. The Project is located in near the community of Milford.

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.

As of today, July 18, 2024, all project information including the Environmental Assessment Registration Document is available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/gold-bond-gypsum-mine-expansion/>

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Please note that all comments must be provided by **August 17, 2024**, to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via email if possible.** All submissions received will be posted on the Department's website for public viewing.

On or before September 6, 2024, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change will decide if the project can be granted conditional Environmental Assessment Approval.

Regards,
EA Branch