To whom it may concern,

As part of a study being conducted by researchers in the School for Resource & Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University, we are reaching out to request documents and data related to environmental assessment (EA/EIA).

In order to conduct our study, we are attempting to assemble a comprehensive database of all mining projects in Canada that have undergone the EA process, including under all current and former federal, provincial, and territorial EA laws and processes.

The scope of our research includes **all mining projects in Canada that have completed the EA process** (ie., a final decision on the project was made) as of **September 1, 2023**. Our criteria for what constitutes a ‘mine’ includes any development that extracts and produces base metals (e.g., copper, zinc, nickel, iron, uranium), precious metals (e.g., gold, silver, platinum), non-metals (e.g., coal, oil sands, diamond), or industrial materials (e.g., gravel, sand, marble, limestone). We are interested in acquiring EA documents and other data (e.g., spreadsheet) related to the initial EA (for both approved and rejected projects) for **every mining project since the beginning of EA in your jurisdiction**. Specifically, we are looking for information that would address the following components for every mining project.

* Mine name
* Jurisdiction (Province/Territory/Federal)
* Law approved under
* Target mineral(s)
* Size (production capacity - average tonnes/day)
* Lifespan (years)
* Footprint (hectares)
* Type (open pit, underground, both)
* Date approved (YYYY-MM-DD, if applicable)
* Date rejected (YYYY-MM-DD, if applicable)
* Date closed (YYYY-MM-DD, if applicable)
* Nearest town/city
* Location (latitude, longitude)

Furthermore, we are also aware that mining projects may be permitted to change their operating conditions post-EA through a process known as an authorization amendment. We would like to request that these documents (including all interim documents, and not just the most recent one) be provided for every project that meets the criteria outlined above.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you.