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Proposal to lift the ban on uranium mining is circulated for comments

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The letter inquiry To re-enable the extraction of uranium has been carried out in 2024 with the task of analysing and submitting the proposals required to re-enable the extraction of uranium in Sweden. The aim is to streamline the use of Sweden's potential in terms of the critical metals and minerals needed for Swedish industrial transition, and to enable modern investigations of the bedrock to begin. The inquiry's memorandum is now being circulated for consultation.

The Swedish mining and mineral industry is important for Sweden and for the EU – both to secure the mineral supply required for the climate transition and to take advantage of the natural resources that contribute to the Swedish economy. As previously announced, the government wants to remove the ban on extracting uranium that was introduced in 2018 to restore the legislation as it was before the ban was introduced.

"More than a quarter of Europe's known resources of uranium are in Sweden's bedrock. Being able to mine uranium is absolutely necessary for our work with the climate transition, to reduce emissions and dependence on fossil fuels and energy sources. I want us to mine and make use of the mineral found in Sweden, where the Swedish mining industry is among the most environmentally friendly and safe in the whole world," says Minister for Climate and Environment Romina Pourmokhtari.

"The current ban on uranium mining in Sweden has had a negative impact on the ability to free up critical raw materials that are necessary in technology and climate-smart products. Removing the ban is absolutely necessary to reduce our dependence on third countries, create jobs and enable more ethical mines," says Minister for Energy and Enterprise Ebba Busch.

"Uranium will continue to be an important mineral for Sweden and the world due to the ongoing energy transition. There should be opportunities for environmentally sustainable extraction in Sweden of all minerals that we have a great need for. The general bans introduced by the previous government have damaged Sweden as a mineral nation, which is why it is very gratifying that the work to abolish the ban on uranium mining is now entering the next phase," says the Sweden Democrats' environmental policy spokesperson Martin Kinnunen.

"Sweden has both a need for uranium and large resources of uranium. Therefore, it is obvious to lift the illogical ban on uranium mining in Sweden. Especially since it also prevents the mining of critical metals that are necessary for Sweden's prosperity as well as climate transition. At the same time as we take responsibility for the climate through this, we also reduce the EU's dependence on Russia and China," says the Moderate Party's business policy spokesperson Mats Green.

There is a great potential in Sweden for the metals that play a key role in Europe's industrial processes and more exploration of these metals is needed. For example, there are several known deposits of so-called critical minerals and uranium that have not been properly studied in modern times.

The letter inquiry's memorandum To re-enable the extraction of uranium will now be sent out for consultation to hear the opinion of the consultative bodies on this issue.

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