

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change invites public comment on the following proposal:

SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

Sio Silica Corporation filed a new Environment Act Proposal for the installation, operation and decommissioning of silica sand extraction wells within the R.M. of Springfield. The project will use water well drilling rigs to drill extraction wells and install casings to the target sand deposit. Using compressed air, sand will be brought to the surface with groundwater from approximately 61 m (200 ft) below ground surface depending on the formation depth in the area. This will be done at various locations on private land in a stepwise phased approach for an initial period of five years. The water from the silica sand slurry brought to the surface from the wells would be separated from the sand on site, undergo filtration and UV treatment before being returned down the wells. The separated silica sand would be transported to a previously licensed sand processing facility using a slurry transport line operating in a loop system.

This proposal can be viewed at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries

Anyone affected by the proposal who wishes to provide feedback should submit their comments using the online form at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries by December 1, 2025.

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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