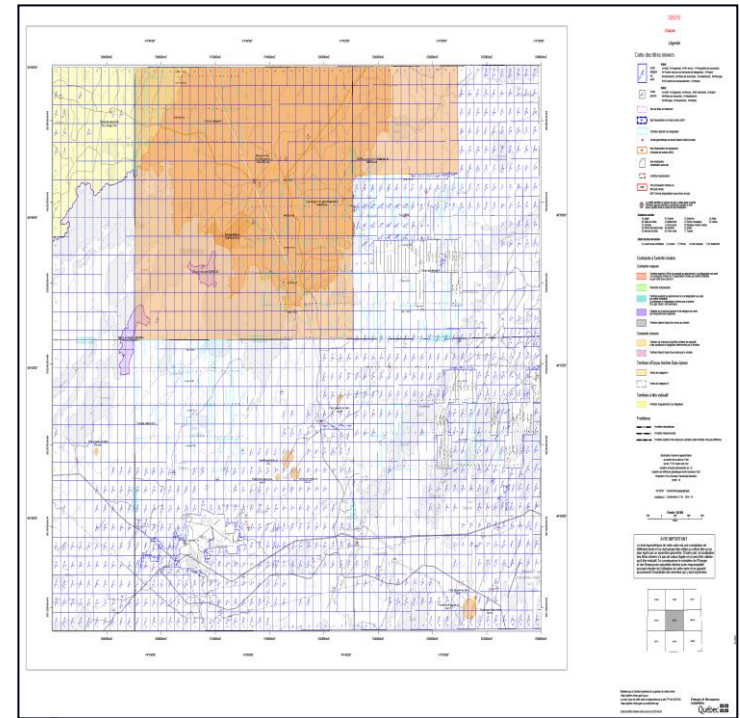




# CLAIM OBTENTION

Everyone wishing to explore for minerals must first obtain a claim. One can then only explore on the area of land that is outlined in the claim.

Claims are issued by the MERN through an administrative process and are designated on a map in accordance with the *Mining Act*. All claims are registered on the [GESTIM](#) online register and can be renewed every 2 years.



Claims are normally obtained during the Initial Planning, EX-1, EX-2, and EX-3 stages of exploration, but must be obtained before any activities occur out on the land (see the [diagram](#)).

Because it is an administrative process and does not include any activities out on the land, there are no discernible environmental impacts associated with claim obtention and with their designation on a map.