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Higher provisions for future reclamation of Aitik and Garpenberg

Due to more extensive reclamation plans for Aitik and Garpenberg, Boliden's provisions for reclamation are increased by SEK 3.8 billion. As a result, annual depreciation increases by approximately SEK 200 million and the financial net is negatively affected by approximately SEK 100 million starting in 2024. The result for the fourth quarter of 2023 is not affected. The cash flow impact due to reclamation work mainly only occurs when mines are closed.

Most of the extended provisions for reclamation are related to Aitik soon will submit a new application for an operating permit. In connection with this, the proposed provision for reclamation will be based on the entire life of mine, which today extends until 2047.

“With new permits and improved dam construction, we have created long-term conditions for Aitik to continue to be the world's most productive copper mine. It also gives us room to both plan and implement reclamation efforts in the best possible way,” says Stefan Romedahl, director Business Area Mines.

In Garpenberg, certain technical adjustments to the reclamation plan for the tailings facility have been made, which affects the now expanded provisions for reclamation. Garpenberg's life of mine, according to current Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, stretches to 2055 given present pace of production.

All in all, this means that Boliden's provisions for reclamation will be increased by SEK 3.8 billion from today's SEK 7.4 billion. The Group's net reclamation liability is not affected due to a corresponding increase in assets. From 2024, the increased assets will lead to increased annual depreciation by approximately SEK 200 million and the increased reclamation liability will also affect the financial net negatively by approximately SEK 100 million per year, as a result of discounting effects. The income statement for the fourth quarter of 2023 is not affected.

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