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This is how a mine in Oviken could be designed – in the clip, the county's largest prospector District Metals talks about the plans. Photo: Marie Selander/SVT

Prospector in Oviken plans test drilling next year – this is how a uranium mine can be designed

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If everything goes according to plan, the county's largest prospector, the Canadian company District Metals, will start test drilling for

uranium in Oviken next year.

This was announced by the company's CEO when he recently visited the county.

A decision on the uranium mining ban is expected shortly – which it is hoped will be lifted.

"It will speed up the work," says Garrett Ainsworth, CEO of District Metals.

The Canadian company District Metals has acquired mineral rights to almost 80,000 hectares in Jämtland County and is thus the county's largest prospector. A large part of the claimed areas are in the Oviken area and in Tåsjö.

Waiting for the ban to be lifted

The most important deposit is the so-called Viken deposit in Oviken, which alone comprises almost 30,000 hectares. The alum shale found there contains a variety of energy metals such as vanadium but also uranium.

The company, like the rest of the mining industry, is now waiting for the uranium mining ban to be lifted.

CEO Garrett Ainsworth is also a geologist specializing in uranium. Now he and the company, like the rest of the mining industry, are waiting for the results of the uranium investigation to be presented. The inquiry, which is titled "Mission to re-enable the extraction of uranium", raises high hopes that the mining ban will be removed.

Wants to sell rights

District Metals is an exploration company that has no plans of its own for mining, but aims to sell its mineral rights to some company that wants to start extraction. But as a prospector, the company is looking at what type of mining operations could be profitable.

"The important thing is to start mining on a smaller scale," says CEO Garrett Ainsworth.

You can hear more about the mining operations the company envisions in the video above.

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