

## 2 HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Agrium acquired the H1, NDR, and MCM Leases as part of the 1995 acquisition of Nu-West. Agrium purchased the DVM Pit D Lease in 2004. Before Agrium's acquisitions, the leases were held by several entities. Mineral and surface rights of the four Project leases are administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), respectively. Itafos is the current lease holder for H1 and NDR through asset acquisition from Agrium/Nu-West. Nu-West currently retains ownership of the MCM and DVM Pit D Leases. Appendix B provides detail as to Surface and Mineral Ownership for the Proposed Action.

In January 2018, Itafos acquired Conda Phosphate Operations from Nu-West (IDEQ 2018). At that time, Nu-West was a wholly owned subsidiary of Agrium and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Nutrien Ltd. Assets transferred in that sale included the phosphate production facilities, active phosphate mines, and phosphate mineral leases (including the H1 and NDR Leases). Itafos directly and indirectly locally employs more than 500 people and produces a product mix of mono-ammonium phosphate (MAP), super phosphoric acid, merchant-grade phosphoric acid, and specialty products. Itafos primarily serves the North American fertilizer market.

The management profile for each of the three Project Leases is summarized below in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1. Lease Management Profile**

Lease Name (ID)	Surface Ownership	Mineral Ownership	Prior Lease Holder	Current Lease Holder
H1 Lease (IDI-05549)	USFS	BLM	Nu-West	Itafos
NDR Lease (IDI-8289)	USFS (580 acres) IDFG (40 acres)	BLM	Nu-West	Itafos
MCM Lease (IDI-04)	USFS	BLM	N/A <sup>1</sup>	Nu-West
DVM Pit D Lease (IDI-0678)	USFS	BLM	N/A <sup>1</sup>	Nu-West

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Lease holding entity has not changed.

All leases were previously held by several different entities. Nu-West purchased the H1, NDR, and MCM Leases in 1995 and the DVM Pit D Lease in 2004. Itafos purchased H1 and NDR in 2018.

ID = identification

IDFG = Idaho Department of Fish and Game

### 2.1 Husky 1 Lease IDI-05549

No mining activities have previously occurred on the H1 Lease. Exploration on the H1 Lease began in 1969 and continued in 1970 with a 2-year exploratory drilling program. Additional drilling programs occurred in 1974 and 1981 under historical ownership, and in 2011, 2012 and 2014 under Nu-West ownership. Approximately 247 exploration holes have been drilled historically on this lease. Currently, Itafos is implementing an exploratory drilling program to review the H1 geology and further define the phosphate resources.

## **2.2 North Dry Ridge Lease IDI-8289**

The NDR Lease has not been mined historically. However, exploration in 1989, 1990, and 2012 completed a total of 270 drill holes on the lease. Activities in 1989 and 1990 occurred under the ownership of a predecessor company. Currently, Itafos is implementing an exploratory drilling program to review the NDR geology and further define the phosphate resources.

## **2.3 Maybe Canyon Mine Lease IDI-04**

Mining on the MCM Lease previously occurred at the North Maybe Mine (NMM) and South Maybe Canyon Mine (SMCM). Exploration occurred in 1950, 1959, 1963, 1964, 1972, and 1982. Mining on the MCM Lease took place intermittently between 1950 to 1993 at the NMM, located south of the NDR Lease, and between 1976 and 1984 at the SMCM, located north of the H1 Lease.

## **2.4 Dry Valley Mine Pit D Lease IDI-0678**

The proposed tipple and haul road ramp will be constructed on the eastern portion of DVM Pit D Lease. Mining began in the DVM Pit D Lease in 2007 and ended in 2011. Nu-West completed reclamation of DVM Pit D Lease by 2013. There will be no connection nor interaction with the DVM Pit D mine pit areas.