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# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WEEK 2023

ASSURING SUSTAINABILITY IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Case of Kiruna Fe, P and REE



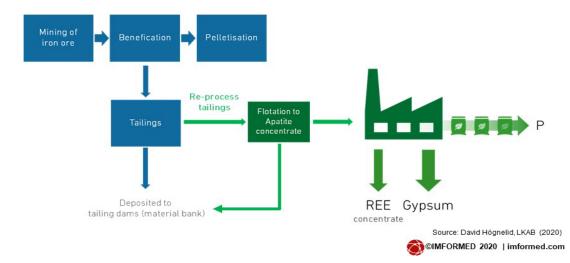
### **Background 2020:**

- LKAB, a state owned mining company, ongoing mining of iron ore since more than 100 years, secured ore base for another 40+. Will cover 30% of Europes REE need, part of a total industrial makeover
- Permitting challenges for the apatite works planned on two mining sites where the environmental permits are under revision
- Planning extraction of REE and phosphorus to mineral fertilizer from falling mining waste. Involves processes never used in an integrated full-scale project. Investment plan in place.
- PERC report in progress, most of the info from company's web page, additional info from scientific papers





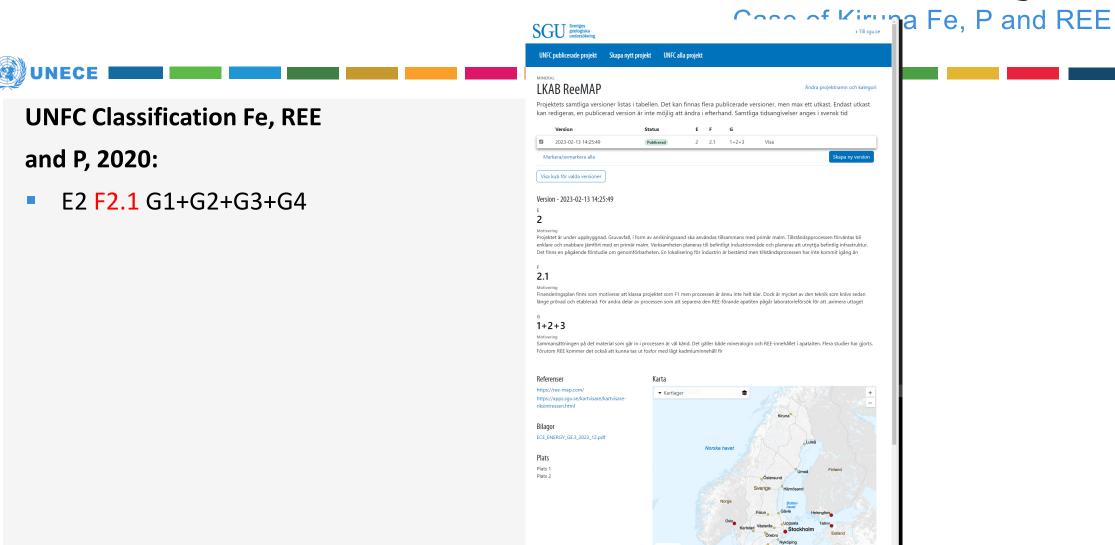
#### ReeMAP Project: from waste to critical raw materials











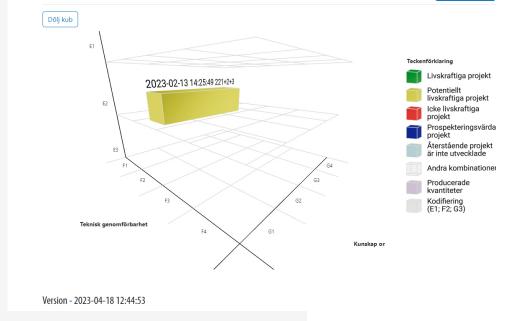
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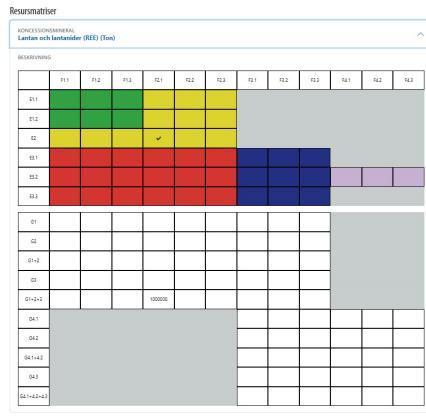
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# UNFC Classification Fe, REE and P, 2020:

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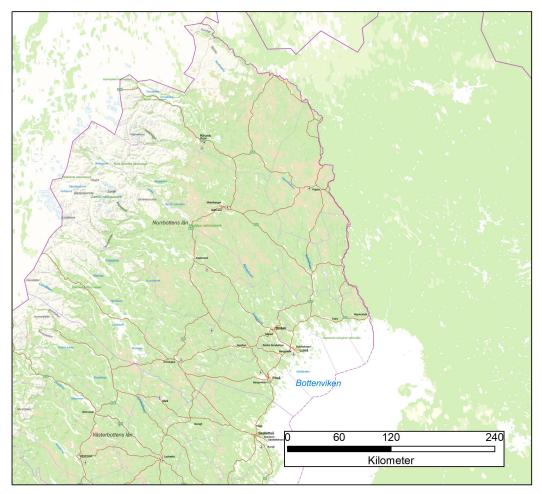


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### Compare 2022:

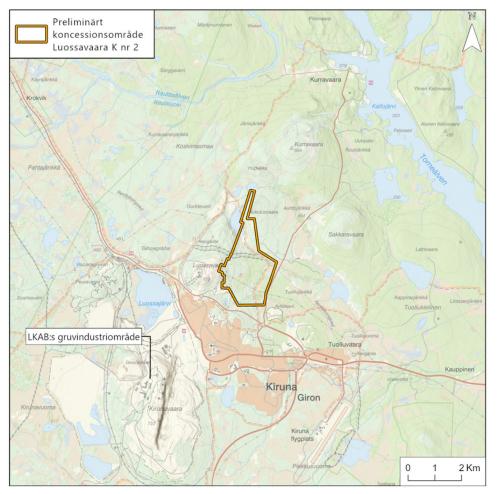
- Combine primary iron ore with falling tailings. Primarily from Kiruna and Malmberget
- New primary ore "Per Geijer" 7 times more phosphorus than previous ores in Kiruna/Gällivare >1 Mton REO
- New Perc classification includes REE and phosphorus from Kiruna, Svappavaara and Malmberget
- Site for industrial park for extraction of REE and Phosphorous and including circular economy is suggested at Luleå c. 350 km from Kiruna. Start of production in 2027.
- Apatite concentrate with REO will be produced in Kiruna and Gällivare and transported to Luleå where REE, phosphorus, fluor and gypsum will be separated.



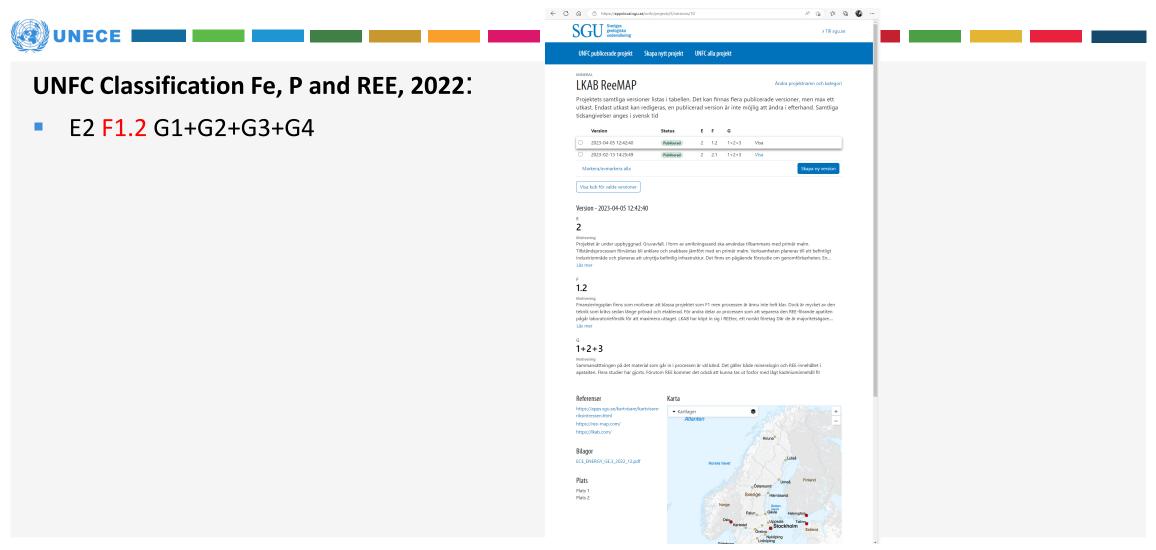
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- LKAB invested in the norwegian company REEtec AS and is now the largest shareholder. This company has delveloped a technique to separate REE with upp to 90% less CO<sub>2</sub> emission compared to the established techniques. Start 2024
- Investmentplan in place
- Permits are not in place
- Falling tailings will be used. Apatite will be separated by an established flotation process
- Hydrochemical process will be used to separate MREO, phosphor, flour and gypsum från the apatite
- Pyrite from mining waste from the nearby, Aitik coppermine will be used to produce fossilefree sulphuric acid necessary for separating REE from apatite



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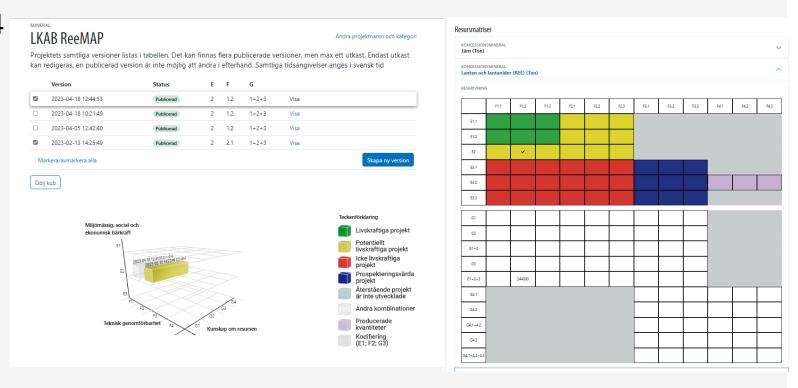


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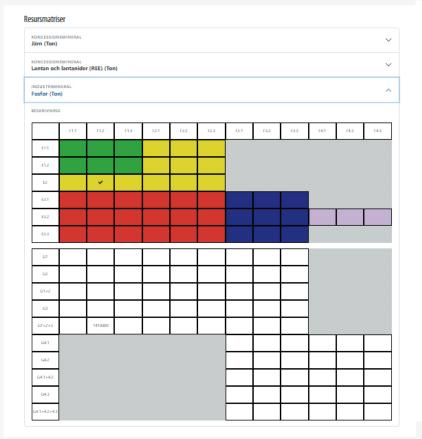


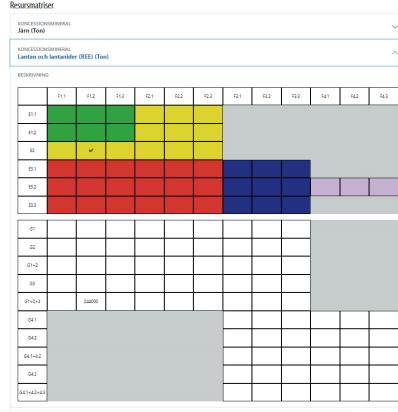
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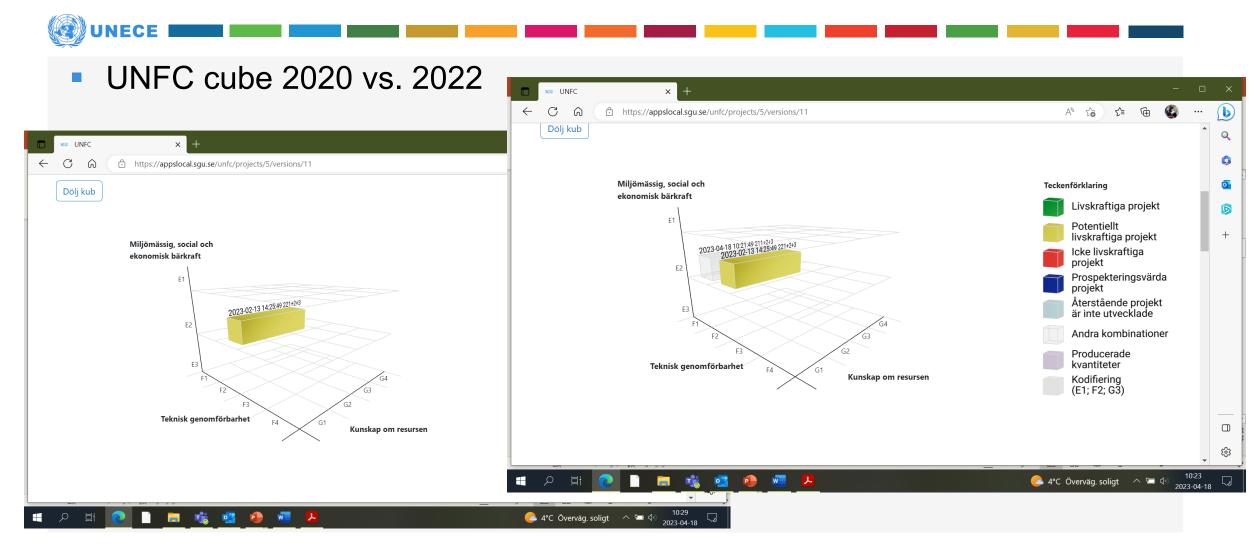
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