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10 calls to the government ahead of the climate summit

Improved permit processes, secure electricity supply and access to the right expertise. These are the mining and mineral industry's most important messages to the government during Friday's national climate meeting. Svemin's CEO Maria Sunér is one of the invited speakers at the event.

Access to metals and minerals sets the pace of the real climate transition, which gives the mining and mineral nation Sweden a unique role. There are world-leading companies here and good potential to increase extraction.

Since raw materials are the first step in many of society's value chains, the mining and minerals industry's transition of its own operations is crucial. Therefore, extensive climate work is underway in the Swedish mining and minerals industry. The goal is to achieve fossil-free mining by 2035 and climate-neutral processes and fossil-free energy use by 2045.

Svemin is therefore bringing ten concrete requests to the Swedish government to Friday's national climate meeting.

- The most important messages in the continued work concern improved permit processes, secured electricity supply that meets the needs of the industry, and access to the right expertise. If the industry is to change, political measures are required and, above all, a clear direction, says Maria Sunér, CEO of Svemin.

She is one of the climate meeting's invited speakers and emphasises that the industry's climate transition will require large amounts of fossil-free electricity, at a cost that creates competitiveness.

- Already by 2030, we can see how industry as a whole needs an additional 70 TWh of electricity to meet the planned investments. Looking ahead to 2045, Sweden needs to plan for a total consumption of 300 TWh. This requires that the policy creates the right conditions and removes obstacles to faster expansion of fossil-free electricity production and that the authorities' planning is in line with the industry's plans, she says.

Efficient and more predictable permit processes are a basic prerequisite. This applies to electricity production, electricity networks and industrial activities.

- The fact that the government has now announced a new inquiry is therefore promising, but I must also be clear that further reforms are needed, says Maria Sunér.

FACTS

The national climate summit is part of the government's efforts to develop a new climate action plan to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2045. Approximately 250 people are attending the climate summit, with Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Energy and Enterprise Ebba Busch and Minister for Climate and Environment Romina Pourmokhtari representing the Government.

SveMin would like to address the following ten requests to them:

1. Create efficient and more predictable permit processes
2. Secure access to fossil-free electricity and biofuels at a competitive cost
3. Secure the right expertise to enable the transition
4. Enable hydrogen production and storage
5. Develop a national strategy for capturing and storing carbon dioxide
6. Ensure a stable and long-term national and international climate policy for a competitive transition
7. Support "front-runners"
8. Create sustainable transport systems for the future
9. Prioritise long-term research funding for sustainable raw materials
10. Invest in recycling and metallurgy