

Mineral Rights M&A Checklist

Is Your Project at Risk? Use This Mineral Rights Checklist Before You Go to Market.

 Checklist
☐ Ownership Review ☐ Mineral title reviewed ☐ Surface and mineral estates identified ☐ Ownership verified across all parcels ☐ Mineral chain of title traced back to land patent (where applicable) ☐ Mineral interest percentages identified (especially with multiple heirs) 
☐ Legal Access ☐ Surface access laws researched ☐ Any access rights legally confirmed ☐ Historical mineral development assessed ☐ Known production status evaluated (active, abandoned, none) ☐ Operators or leaseholders identified and documented 
☐ Documentation & Waivers ☐ Surface waivers requested (if needed) ☐ Mineral curative actions completed ☐ ALTA 35 endorsement in place or requested ☐ Affidavits of Non-Production secured (if applicable) ☐ Recordable surface use agreements prepared for set-aside areas 
☐ Due Diligence Prep ☐ All mineral-related documents organized ☐ Title insurance reviewed for coverage gaps ☐ Buyer-ready folder with surface access summary ☐ Engineering evaluation of drill pad set-aside impacts (if needed) ☐ Outside legal counsel or mineral consultant engaged (if complex severance) 