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Subject: Natural Resources Canada's Submission for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project– Request for Technical Review of EIS

On January 29, 2024, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) requested Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to conduct a technical review of NWP Coal Canada Ltd.'s (the Proponent) environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project.

In particular, the Agency requested NRCan provide advice on the following:

- the sufficiency of baseline data and appropriateness of methodologies to predict effects;
- the mitigation measures proposed by NWP Coal Canada Ltd. (the Proponent);
- the level of certainty in the conclusions reached by the Proponent on the effects;
- the manner in which significance of the environmental effects, as they pertain to your department's mandate, have been determined (i.e. the scientific merit of the information presented and the validity of the Proponent's methodologies and conclusions);
- the follow-up program proposed by the Proponent; and
- whether additional information is required from the Proponent to complete the technical review.

NRCan is participating in the environmental assessment process pursuant to section 20 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* as a department in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge related to the Project. NRCan has conducted its review of the Proponent's EIS based on the department's expertise in acid rock drainage and metal leaching, hydrogeology, explosives, seismicity, and terrain hazards.

Details of NRCan's review can be found in the attached annex (Natural Resources Canada - Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project - Information Requests - ANNEXES 1-3). If you have any questions. Please contact me via e-mail at vikash.narine@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca.

Thank you,

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