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Grassy Mountain Coal Project Joint Review Panel
c/o Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor
Ottawa Ontario Canada K1A 0H3

Attention: Tracy Utting, Acting Panel Manager

Dear Madam:

**Re: Benga Mining Limited/Riversdale Resources - Grassy Mountain Coal Project
AER Application Nos. 1844520 and 1902073
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Reference No. 80101**

As the Joint Review Panel is aware, we represent the Coalition of Alberta Wilderness Association (“AWA”) and the Grassy Mountain Group (the “Coalition”). The members of the Grassy Mountain Group are landowners and businesses who live within or operate in close proximity to the mine permit boundary. The members of the Coalition are:

Nos	Name	Land Description	Location relative to the mine permit boundary
1	Fran Gilmar	SW 30-8-3-W5M	Within the mine permit boundary
2	Mitch Bonertz	SW 30-8-3-W5M	Within the mine permit boundary
3	Larry Donkersgoed	SW 19-8-3-W5M	Within the mine permit boundary
4	Ed Donkersgoed	SW 19-8-3-W5M	Within the mine permit boundary
5	Connie Watmough and Norm Watmough / Sun Cured Alfalfa Cubes Inc.	SE 19-8-3-W5M	Adjacent to the mine permit boundary

6.	Shirley Kirby	Plan 1014575 Block 19 Lot 25	7 km south of the mine permit boundary
7.	John and Rae Redekopp	Plan 9912103 Block 2 Lot 1	2 to 3 kms SE of the mine permit boundary
8.	David Rothlin and Kari Lehr	SE 6-8-3-W5M	3kms south of the mine permit boundary
9	Alberta Wilderness Association		

The Coalition has reviewed the letter from Mr. Fitch, McLennan Ross, on behalf of the Livingstone Landowner Group (“LLG”) dated June 26, 2020 requesting that the Joint Review Panel hold a pre-hearing meeting, include a timeline for holding a pre-hearing meeting in the Notice of Hearing, and to direct Benga Mining Limited to submit a consolidated Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) that all parties can rely on at the hearing.

The Coalition agrees with the LLG requests and submits that the requested actions will ensure that the hearing proceeds efficiently and effectively. In addition to the reasonings identified in the LLG’s letter, the large number of interveners and intervener groups makes it reasonable and necessary to hold a pre-hearing meeting to address the matters listed in section 15 of the Alberta Energy Regulator’s *Rules of Practice* and the public health requirements arising from the uncertainties created by Covid-19.

Yours truly,

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