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Designation of Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. Vista Test Underground Mine Project

Dear Ms. Boss.

Further to your letter of May 22, 2020, please be advised that it is not within the AER's jurisdiction to provide views or comments on whether the Minister of Environment and Climate Change should consider Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. (Coalspur)'s proposed Vista Test Underground Mine Project (Underground Mine) and the proposed Vista Coal Mine Phase II Expansion Project together for designation under subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*.

Coalspur requires authorization under the *Coal Conservation Act*, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Water Act* and *Public Lands Act* for approval to construct, operate, decommission and reclaim the Underground Mine.

As requested by IAAC, the attached document provides more details about these requirements as they relate to this project specifically.

If you have any questions or need further information, please e-mail Corey.MacGarva@aer.ca regarding the Vista Test Underground Mine Project or Camille Almeida at Camille.Almeida@aer.ca regarding the Vista Coal Mine Phase II Expansion Project.

Regards,

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Enclosure(s) (1): Response to IAAC

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