

**Enclosure 2 : Guiding Questions for this Comment Period**

**Please respond by May 26, 2021**

**Coalspur Mines Ltd. - Phase I Vista Test Underground Mine and Vista Mine Phase II Expansion Projects**  
Canadian Impact Assessment Registry File No.: 80731

The Agency encourages you to use the "Submit a Comment" feature on the Agency's Registry website using reference number: 80731

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*We request that you carefully review this form and that you refine your input as appropriate.*

**Potential Effects and Impacts**

1. Please identify any effects of the Projects that are of concern to your community. Also please identify any effects that you are aware of that are not listed in the initial project description. Note: Information on effects and direct and incidental effects as well as effects within federal jurisdiction are defined in section 2 of IAA<sup>1</sup>.

The project is in the heart of our source waters for Northern Alberta

2. Please describe how the potential effects of the Projects could result in changes to your community's:

(a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

Historical metis ancestral sites along the McLeod River in which the McPherson Creek is connected to, sediment may be a factor

(b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

TLU is affected by the runoff into streams that the wildlife drink from and/or swim in. Enlargement of the open pit mining where trees used to be creates increase in winds/erosion and a disturbance in wildlife habitat

(c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)

Would have to conduct a site visit to see what historical value is present currently. Have not been able to do this due to Covid 19 restrictions. We have a potential date set in June

3. Please describe how the Projects may result in changes (both positive and negative) to your community's :

(a) health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, easier access to goods and services, economic development, accessibility to health-care services);

The upside to this project is employment and Education opportunities that may present themselves for our community. At this time I cannot picture health realizations because of the inevitable disturbance to the environment, unless capacity is directed to the cost of health issues that may arise (i.e. cancers).

(b) Indigenous knowledge, indigenous language or indigenous culture.

The expansion would effect the Indigenous knowledge by stripping the land of it's natural resources that play a part in indigenous life as we know it. Medicines that are native to the area may become extinct and the knowledge on how to find, harvest, and usage will be lost to the next generations. Collection of plant specimens through pictures and a report to describe the usage, harvest methods, will enable the project to carry forward and hopefully enable reforestation at the end of the projects life by reverting the land back to a close as it once was and with the vegetation that was documented as being there prior to construction.

<sup>1</sup> A link to IAA text can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>


4. Please describe how the Projects may result in any change (positive or negative) to :
- (a) the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors (would there be effects to different sub-groups within your community, identified based on factors such as gender, age, race, religion etc.. For example, to women, youth, elders);  
Neutral, as the projects would be equally positive or negative to all human factions within the community
- (b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.  
 If the Project is monitored sufficiently by Government, Proponent and Indigenous Community sustainability would be more likely to evolve through the partnering of western science and traditional knowledge
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5. If you expect the Projects may impact your community's potential and/or established rights, please describe how.  
 The project would impact my community through our TLU. Water quality, Air Quality, Wildlife and fish know "NO Boundaries" and through Cumulative Effects my community has the potential to be affected if an event were to occur due to the project in question.
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**Approach to Consultation and Engagement**

6. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Projects, the Agency will be developing a draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan and, if applicable, will contact you to seek your comments. Please provide information on how you would like to be consulted by the Agency (for example, does your community have specific cultural practices, traditions or protocols, etc.).  
 We have our traditions such as tobacco being offered in places of harvesting, sweet grass offerings and the Metis have always been seen as guides and we will continue to act as a guiding factor when it comes to the environment and our way of life.
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7. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Projects, the Agency will act as the Crown Consultation Coordinator and will be responsible for implementing the Duty to Consult. Do you have any views on how the Agency should work with your community in relation to the assessment of impacts on the potential and/or established rights of your community?  
 We would like to be included/consulted with from the beginning of the project to years past reclamation(to ensure the land is returned to its natural state or as close to its natural state as possible).
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