

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 IAA¹.*

Project effects include: impacts to the exercise of Horse Lake First Nations' Inherent Treaty and Aboriginal rights including impacts to hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, practice of spirituality and quiet enjoyment. In addition, Project effects include cumulative impacts to the exercise of our Inherent Treaty and Aboriginal rights, potential contamination of water sources and dust covering culturally significant plants and berries.

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)

The cultural landscape would be changed forever forcing Horse Lake First Nation members to exercise our Inherent Treaty and Aboriginal rights elsewhere.

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

This area is important for hunting, fishing, practicing spirituality and quiet enjoyment.

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

These areas would be documented once Horse Lake First Nation Elders and Environmental Monitors undertake a Site Assessment.

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 Projects would create undue hardship on Horse Lake First Nation members and would render the area unavailable for the exercise of our Inherent Treaty and Aboriginal rights.

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

Indigenous culture would no longer be able to be practiced in the area given the amount of coal dust on culturally significant plants, noise from operations, contaminated water and timber being removed.

4. Please describe how the Projects may result in any change (positive or negative) to :

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

(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);
The Projects would affect men, women, youth, elders and land users

(b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.
The Projects would affect human ecological systems and Horse Lake First Nation members' well-being.

5. If you expect the Projects may impact your community's potential and/or established rights, please describe how.
Yes, impacts to the exercise of Horse Lake First Nations' Inherent Treaty and Aboriginal rights including impacts to hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, practice of spirituality and quiet enjoyment.

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.).

Yes, we would require an adequate budget to engage Horse Lake First Nation membership following Horse Lake First Nation laws, traditions and protocols.

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?

Yes, the Agency must address Horse Lake First Nations' concerns through mitigation and/or accommodation. Engagement should be early and often and must include an adequate budget to engage with Horse Lake First Nation.

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