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By email to: Greg.Bosse@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Dear Greg Bosse,

RE: Request for Federal Expert Advice - Reconsideration of Designation Requests for the Proposed Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. - Phase I Vista Test Underground Mine and Vista Mine Phase II Expansion Projects under the *Impact Assessment Act*

ECCC has reviewed the information provided for the above noted project (the Project) as requested by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (the Agency) August 4, 2021 letter.

Our advice is based on ECCC's mandate in the context of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act 1994* (MBCA), pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999* (CEPA).

ECCC previously provided advice to the Agency regarding the Designation Request for Coalspur Mines Limited's proposed Project on September 20, 2019 and June 8, 2020. ECCC also provided advice to the Agency on May 28, 2021 related to the assessment of the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act*, including comments on the initial project description and list of issues. Therefore, the recommendations we provided along with the information in the attached Federal Authority Advice Record may be considered by the Agency.

ECCC will provide support and provide our expertise to the Agency on an as-needed basis, when matters pertaining to our mandate and expertise are requested.

The Project Lead listed below can be considered your "one-window" contact into ECCC for coordination of ECCC's participation in the future for this project.



- Abigayle Blackmore, Environmental Assessment Officer, at (780) 239-3894 or abigayle.blackmore@ec.gc.ca
- The ECCC Prairie and Northern Region EA Generic Inbox at ec.rpn-see-eapnr-s.ec@ec.gc.ca .

Sincerely,

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Attachment: ECCC's completed Federal Authority Advice Record: Designation Request under IAA