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via email at: vistamine-minevista@iaac-aeic.gc.ca; sarah.thacker@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Sarah Thacker
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Dear Sarah,

RE: CIAR #88876 – IAAC Request for Input - Designation Request of the Vista Coal Mine Phase II Expansion Project

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) September 11, 2024 letter.

Our advice is based on ECCC's mandate under the *Species at Risk Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

If you need more information, please contact Marcus Edino at marcus.edino@ec.gc.ca. Please also address electronic correspondence to the ECCC Prairie and Northern Region EA Generic Inbox at EASouthPNR@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Jody Small
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Prairie and Northern Region

Attachments:

1. 20241002_Cover_Letter_VistaCoalMinePhaseIIExpansion_DR_FAAR_Response
2. 20241002_ECCC_VistaCoalMinePhaseIIExpansion_DR_FAAR_Response



cc:

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