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Subject: Coal Mine, Embarras, Erith and Pembina Rivers, Robb, AB

- The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

Mr. Rutland,

On April 18, 2011, a federal environmental assessment screening under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (S.C. 1992, c. 37) (*CEAA*) was commenced for the Coal Mine, Embarras, Erith and Pembina Rivers, Robb, AB.

As part of the Government's plan for Responsible Resource Development which seeks to modernize the regulatory system for project reviews, the *CEAA* was repealed when the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012)* came into force.

Pursuant to subsection 124(1) of CEAA 2012, a screening of a project commenced under CEAA must, if the project is a designated project, be continued and completed as if CEAA had not been repealed.

As per subsections 124(2) and 14(2) of CEAA 2012, the Minister of the Environment designated the Coal Mine, Embarras, Erith and Pembina Rivers, Robb, AB, and as such the screening for the project must be continued and completed under CEAA. Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Transport Canada must take a course of action under section 20 of CEAA no later than 365 days after the day on which CEAA 2012 came into force. However, as per subsection 124(4) of CEAA 2012, the period taken by a proponent to comply with a request made by a responsible authority to collect information or undertake a study with respect to a project to enable the responsible authority to take a course of action is not included in the calculation of the 365-day time limit.



We look forward to working with you in the completion of the screening.

For further information concerning *CEAA 2012*, please refer to information on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Internet site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

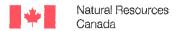
Should you have any comments or questions, please contact Sean Carrière by email at Sean.Carrière@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Dave Rutland General Manager Coal Valley Resources Inc. PO Box 5000 Edson, Alberta T7E 1W1

Monday August 8th, 2011

Dear Mr. Rutland

As you are aware, the Government of Canada is implementing a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to the regulatory review of major resource projects. The Major Projects Management Office (MPMO) works in collaboration with federal departments and agencies with environmental assessment, regulatory permitting and Aboriginal consultation responsibilities related to the resource sectors. It is committed to improving the performance of the federal review of major resource projects in order to support Canada's competitiveness and enable a more effective examination and mitigation of environmental, human health and social impacts.

One of the key tools to achieve these objectives are Project Agreements, which describe federal authorities' roles and responsibilities and establish service standards and target timelines for the federal review. I am, therefore, pleased to inform you that the Project Agreement for the proposed Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion project has been signed by Deputy Ministers of those federal authorities involved in its review and will soon be posted on the MPMO website (www.mpmo-bggp.gc.ca). Using a web-based application, the MPMO will publicly track and monitor the performance of the federal review for your project against the commitments made in the Agreement to ensure greater transparency and accountability.

If you have any questions regarding the Agreement or the federal review of your project, please contact Carolyn Pharand at 613-996-1042 or <u>Carolyn.pharand@nrcan.gc.ca</u>. On behalf of the federal departments and agencies involved in the MPMO Initiative, we are committed to an improved federal regulatory system and look forward to working with you on the review of your project to meet this objective.

Yours sincerely,

<original signed by>

Jay Khosla Assistant Deputy Minister Major Projects Management Office

c.c.: Jim Clarke, Director General Operations, MPMO



PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE ROBB TREND COAL MINE EXPANSION IN ALBERTA

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is committed to improving the efficiency of the federal environmental assessment (EA) and regulatory review processes for major resource projects to enable a more effective assessment and mitigation of potential environmental effects, while protecting the health and safety of Canadians and promoting innovation and competitiveness within the Canadian resource industry sectors;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is committed to undertaking a process of early, effective and meaningful consultation with Aboriginal groups, including Treaty First Nations, Non-Treaty First Nations, Métis and Inuit people, concerning contemplated federal Crown (Crown) conduct with respect to, among other things, major resource projects that may adversely affect established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has created the Major Projects Management Office (MPMO) for the purpose of overseeing and tracking the federal review, which includes the EA, regulatory reviews and Aboriginal consultation activities, for major resource projects;

AND WHEREAS Coal Valley Resources Inc. (the Proponent) has submitted a Project Description in support of its proposal to expand an existing coal mine near the Hamlet of Robb, Alberta;

AND WHEREAS Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Transport Canada (TC) may have regulatory and statutory duties in relation to the proposed project;

AND WHEREAS DFO and TC will conduct a screening pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA);

AND WHEREAS nothing in this Project Agreement (the Agreement) fetters the powers, statutory authorities and functions of federal departments/agencies and their respective Ministers;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) and Alberta Environment have agreed to coordinate the federal and provincial EAs to the extent possible pursuant to the Canada-Alberta Agreement for Environmental Assessment Cooperation; and,

NOW THEREFORE the signatories (the Parties) to this Agreement commit to work together to facilitate an effective, accountable, transparent, timely and predictable federal review in relation to the proposed project and to contribute to fulfilling the Crown's duty to consult with Aboriginal groups.

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide an effective tool to enable the Parties to deliver an efficient federal review process. It articulates the roles and responsibilities of each department and agency and timeline based targets for the achievement of process milestones. For further clarity, the Agreement shall be read together with the Annexes, which form part of this Agreement.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of an expansion of a coal mine to maintain production at a rate of 4 million tonnes per year located near the community of Robb, Alberta (the Project) and includes the following components and activities associated with the construction, operation, modification, decommissioning and abandonment of these components:

- New pit areas and access roads connecting to the existing Coal Valley Mine;
- Culverts or bridges may be required to cross watercourses; and,
- Stream diversions may be required to accommodate the mining activity.

3.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following federal departments and agencies have identified an interest in the Project, and will participate in the federal review as follows:

- DFO may have regulatory and statutory responsibilities under the Fisheries Act and, pursuant to the CEAA, is a likely responsible authority (RA). DFO requires that a complete application for a Fisheries Act authorization be submitted during the EA phase to confirm whether there is a Fisheries Act trigger. In order to meet the regulatory timelines set out in this Agreement for a review under the Fisheries Act, the information requested in the application must be submitted to DFO at the latest, concurrent with the submission of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). DFO may be in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge with respect to the Project and, on request, shall make available that information or knowledge to the RAs;
- TC may have regulatory and statutory responsibilities under the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) and, pursuant to the CEAA, is a likely RA. TC requires that all the information described in the NWPA application form for a review under the NWPA be submitted during the EA phase to confirm whether there is a NWPA trigger. In order to meet the regulatory timelines set out in this Agreement for a review under the NWPA, the information described in the NWPA application form must be submitted to TC at the latest, concurrent with the submission of the EIS and the Navigation Impact Assessment (NIA) has to be completed as a component of the EA. TC may be in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge with respect to the Project and, on request, shall make available that information or knowledge to RAs;

- Indian Affairs and Northern Development (IAND) has advisory responsibilities to support the Government of Canada's Aboriginal consultation activities in relation to the Project;
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Environment Canada (EC), and Health Canada (HC) are federal authorities (FAs) pursuant to the CEAA and may be in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge with respect to the Project (expert FAs) and, upon request, shall make available that information or knowledge to the RAs;
- The CEA Agency has administrative responsibilities pursuant to the CEAA in support of the EA. The CEA Agency will act as the EA Manager and as the Crown Consultation Coordinator (CCC) for the EA in relation to the Project, and will coordinate the federal and provincial EA processes to the extent possible; and,
- The MPMO has administrative and advisory responsibilities under the Cabinet Directive on Improving the Performance of the Regulatory System for Major Resource Projects and the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MPMO will provide oversight and advice throughout the entire federal review in relation to the Project to ensure adherence to the service standards and roles and responsibilities of all Parties.

For further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Parties, please see Annexes III, IV and V.

4.0 FEDERAL REVIEW PROCESS

The proposed scope of the Project is the project described in the Project Description as provided by Coal Valley Resources Inc.

The CEA Agency and Alberta Environment will coordinate the federal and provincial EA review processes, to ensure that joint steps are undertaken wherever appropriate pursuant to the Canada-Alberta Agreement for Environmental Assessment Cooperation.

Annex I shows a Gantt chart of the federal review process. Annex II shows the key milestones and service standards for the EA as well as Aboriginal consultation. Annex IV shows the milestones and service standards for the regulatory review for each department.

The CEA Agency will work together with the RAs and the expert FAs to ensure that the EA process results in an efficient and effective EA that complies with the requirements of the CEAA. The type of EA required is a screening.

During the EA process, RAs will confirm any regulatory or other s. 5 decisions required in relation to the Project that are triggers pursuant to the CEAA. As such, the Proponent is expected to submit all necessary applications to allow confirmation of triggers prior to the EA decision. Submission of the regulatory and technical information necessary for RAs to make their regulatory decision within the proposed timeframe is at the discretion of the Proponent. Although that information is not necessary for the EA decision, the Proponent is expected to submit it concurrent with the EIS, for the RAs to meet the regulatory timelines set out in this Agreement.

If a department or agency determines that it is no longer required to make a regulatory decision, it will end its participation in the EA as an RA, but may, upon request from an RA, continue to participate as an expert FA should it be in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge with respect to the Project. In the event that no triggers for the EA remain, the RAs will terminate the EA.

5.0 ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

The Parties are committed to a "Whole of Government" approach to Aboriginal consultation in the context of major resource projects to ensure that Aboriginal groups are sufficiently consulted, and where appropriate accommodated, when the Government of Canada contemplates actions that may adversely affect established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights. To the extent possible, and with the CEA Agency responsible for coordination during the EA Phase, the Parties will work together and with the Province of Alberta toward a coordinated approach for Aboriginal consultation that is integrated with the EA phase of the federal review. Following the EA phase, the responsibility for Aboriginal consultation will be transferred from the CEA Agency to an RA for the regulatory phase. The Crown will take into account the consultation efforts of the Province and the Proponent, to the extent possible, to meet its duty to consult.

Where applicable, the terms and conditions of all existing agreements or protocols between the Crown and Aboriginal groups will be respected and followed.

The Aboriginal consultation roles and responsibilities are identified in Annex III.

6.0 TIMELINES

Timelines identified in the Agreement represent the time expected to be taken by federal departments and agencies in carrying out their respective tasks for the federal review. The timelines do not account for time taken by participants who are not signatories to this Agreement, such as the Proponent, the Province of Alberta, etc. The target timelines for the federal review are detailed in the Gantt chart in Annex I, and are as follows:

- a) Completion of the EA 10 months from the posting of the Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry Internet Site (CEARIS) to the posting of EA course of action decisions under the CEAA;
- b) Regulatory decisions pursuant to the *Fisheries Act* and NWPA 90 calendar days from the EA course of action decisions posted on the CEARIS, assuming submission of all applications no later than the time of the submission of the EIS.

The following are examples of situations where the MPMO may pause the timelines of the federal review:

a) the federal review is delayed at the request of the Proponent and/or another jurisdiction;

- b) the CEA Agency and/or RAs have indicated that the Proponent is required to provide additional information necessary for the completion of the federal review, or that the information provided is insufficient;
- c) the federal review cannot proceed as a result of circumstances related to Aboriginal consultation; or,
- d) litigation or other court action prevents the completion or continuation of the federal review.

7.0 MITIGATION MEASURES AND FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

The RAs have responsibilities under the CEAA to ensure the implementation of any mitigation measures taken into account by the RAs in reaching a conclusion on the significance of adverse environmental effects and which the RAs can ensure. If the RAs determine a follow-up program is appropriate in the circumstance, the RAs will work with the expert FAs, the Proponent and the province, to satisfy those responsibilities. Expert FAs will provide assistance requested by the RAs in ensuring the implementation of a mitigation measure or aspect of the follow-up program on which the expert FA and RAs have agreed.

8.0 ADMINISTRATION

Tracking Progress

The milestones, timelines and service standards set out in this Agreement, subject to any amendments, will provide the basis against which the MPMO will monitor the progress of the federal review and report on this progress in the MPMO Tracker.

Issues Resolution

The Parties will use their best efforts to resolve any differences of opinion in the interpretation or application of this Agreement in an effective and timely manner.

Issues relating to the federal review for the Project will be resolved through direct discussions and collaboration between the involved Parties, supported by the MPMO.

Should issues remain outstanding, they will be referred to the appropriate senior level committee.

Post-Project Evaluation

The Parties will participate in an informal evaluation of the federal review in relation to the Project within 90 days of the completion of the regulatory review. The level of effort and format of the evaluation will be appropriate to the scale of the issues encountered.

Amendments

The Parties may recommend to the MPMO whether a change to the federal review or to the project warrants an amendment to the Agreement. Where there is agreement that an amendment

is warranted, and where such amendment is considered significant, the MPMO will provide the proposed amendment to the Major Projects Deputy Ministers for consideration.

Unless otherwise determined by the MPMO in collaboration with the Parties, amendment of the Agreement shall not cause the federal review to stop with respect to any Agreement-related activities that might be ongoing at the time when the need for amendment is identified.

9.0 SIGNATORIES

The Parties hereto have signed the Agreement, in counterpart, on the dates indicated below.

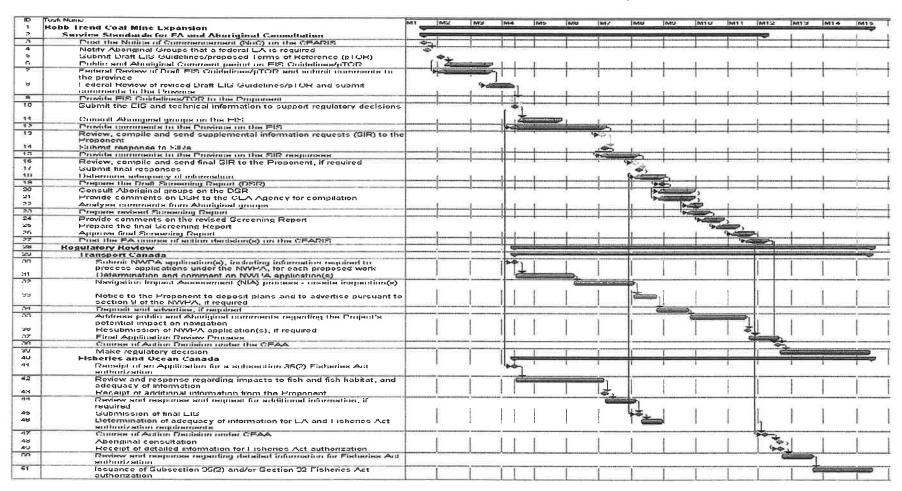
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| Elaine Feldman President Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency | <u>03-08-11</u> Date |
| Claire Dansereau Deputy Minister Fisheries and Oceans Canada | |
| John Forster Associate Deputy Minister, Infrastructure Canada (on behalf of Yaprak Baltacioğlu Deputy Minister, Transport Canada) | 26-07-11 Date |
| Paul Boothe Deputy Minister Environment Canada | <u>27-07-11</u> Date |
| Michael Wernick Deputy Minister Indian Affairs and Northern Development | <u>25-07-11</u> Date |

Annexes

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Annex I

Gantt Chart: Target Timelines for the Federal Review of the Project¹



¹ The Gantt chart is a baseline against which the timelines, identified in the Project Agreement expected to be taken by federal departments and agencies in carrying out their respective tasks for the federal review, will be tracked. The timelines do not account for time taken by participants who are not signatories to this Agreement, such as the Proponent, provinces, Aboriginal groups, the public or other stakeholders.

Annex II

Key Milestones and Service Standards for the Environmental
Assessment and Aboriginal Consultation

| | Milestone | Lead | Support As Needed | Service Standard, or Completion Date |
|----|---|--------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Post the Notice of Commencement (NoC) on the CEARIS | RA | | April 18, 2011 |
| 2 | Notify Aboriginal groups that a federal EA is required | CEA Agency | | April 20, 2011 |
| 3 | Submit draft EIS Guidelines/proposed Terms of Reference (pTOR) | Proponent | CEA Agency, RAs, expert FAs | May 4, 2011 |
| 4 | Public and Aboriginal Comment period on draft EIS Guidelines/pTOR | Proponent | Province | May 11, 2011 to June 17, 2011 |
| 5 | Federal Review of Draft EIS Guidelines/pTOR and submit comments to the Province | RAs, expert FAs | CEA Agency | May 5, 2011 to June 17, 2011 |
| 6 | Federal Review of revised Draft EIS Guidelines/pTOR and submit comments to the Province | RAs, expert FAs | CEA Agency | June 20, 2011 to July 8, 2011 |
| 7 | Provide EIS Guidelines/TOR to Proponent | Province | CEA Agency, RAs | TBD |
| 8 | Submit the EIS and technical information to support regulatory decisions | Proponent | RAs | TBD |
| 9 | Consult Aboriginal groups on the EIS | CEA Agency | RAs, expert FAs | Within 1 week of receipt of draft EIS for a 5 week period |
| 10 | Provide comments to the Province on the EIS | CEA Agency | RAs, expert FAs | Within 12 weeks of receipt of EIS |
| 11 | Review, compile and send supplemental information requests (SIRs) to the Proponent | Province | CEA Agency | TBD |
| 12 | Submit responses to SIRs | Proponent | | TBD |

| | Milestone | Lead | Support As Needed | Service Standard, or Completion Date |
|----|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 13 | Provide comments to the Province on the SIR responses | CEA Agency | RAs, expert FAs | Within 4 weeks from the submission of the responses |
| 14 | Review, compile and send final SIRs to the Proponent, if required | Province | CEA Agency | TBD |
| 15 | Submit the final responses | Proponent | | TBD |
| 16 | Determine adequacy of information | RAs, expert FAs | CEA Agency | Within 3 weeks of receipt of final responses |
| 17 | Prepare the Draft Screening Report (DSR) | Proponent | RAs, expert FAs | TBD |
| 18 | Consult Aboriginal Groups on the DSR | CEA Agency, RAs | Expert FAs | Within 4 weeks of receipt of DSR |
| 19 | Provide comments on the DSR | RAs, expert FAs | CEA Agency | Within 4 weeks of receipt of DSR |
| 20 | Analyse comments from Aboriginal groups | CEA Agency, RAs | Expert FAs | Within 1 week from receipt of comments from Aboriginal groups |
| 21 | Prepare revised Screening Report | CEA Agency | | Within 2 weeks from receipt of comments |
| 22 | Provide comments on the revised Screening Report | RAs, expert FAs | | Within 2 weeks of receiving the revised Screening Report |
| 23 | Prepare the final Screening Report | CEA Agency | RAs | Within 2 weeks of receipt of comments on the revised Screening Report |
| 24 | Approval of final Screening Report | RAs | | Within 2 weeks of receiving the final Screening Report |
| 25 | Post the EA course of action decision(s) on the CEARIS | RAs | | Within 2 weeks of approving the final Screening Report |

Annex III

Aboriginal Consultation Approach and Associated Roles and Responsibilities

1.0 Context

The Government of Canada consults with Aboriginal people for reasons of good governance, sound policy development and decision-making as well as for legal reasons. Canada has statutory, contractual and common law obligations to consult with Aboriginal groups. The Government of Canada will take a "Whole of Government" approach to Aboriginal consultation in the context of major resource projects to ensure that Aboriginal groups are sufficiently consulted, and where appropriate accommodated, when it contemplates actions that may adversely affect established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights. These rights are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

This approach is mandated by both the Cabinet Directive on Improving the Performance of the Regulatory System for Major Resource Projects and the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (June, 2007). The Directive states that Parties will work together towards a coordinated approach for Aboriginal consultation that is integrated with the EA, to the extent possible. The approach for federal consultation of Aboriginal groups for major resource projects was created in accordance with Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation: Updated Guidelines for Federal Officials to Fulfill the Legal Duty to Consult (IAND; March 2011).

2.0 Identifying Aboriginal Groups

The CEA Agency, along with RAs, and the Province of Alberta, will:

- work with the Proponent to identify Aboriginal groups for consultation that may be affected by the Project;
- conduct background research on Aboriginal groups in the area and their potential and established rights;
- identify potential adverse impacts of the proposed project/activity;
- undertake initial assessment and analysis (including prima facie strength of claim assessment); and,
- based on the potential severity of the adverse impacts of the proposed project on the potential or established *Constitution Act* s. 35 rights, establish the initial form and content of a consultation process.

Aboriginal groups consulted may change over time based on information received during the course of the assessment and information received from Aboriginal groups, as may the level of consultation activities undertaken by the Crown.

3.0 The Crown Consultation Process

The "Whole of Government" approach for Aboriginal consultation activities will be implemented throughout the entire federal review. Best efforts will be made to ensure that the timeframe for consultation activities coincides with key milestones and processes. It is important to acknowledge that timeframes for consultation activities may diverge from pre-established federal review timeframes, based on consultation requirements. Should modifications to timeframes be required due to the consultation process, revisions will be discussed by all Parties.

Where accommodation is appropriate, the Crown, coordinated by the CEA Agency during the EA phase, will monitor and determine whether identified mitigation measures reasonably address concerns regarding potential adverse impacts on established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights. The Crown may also examine the role of third parties in addressing adverse impacts on established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights. The Crown will work with Aboriginal groups and attempt to identify options or solutions that balance the interests of those Aboriginal groups with other societal interests. The Crown will take into account the consultation efforts of the Province and the Proponent, to the extent possible, to meet its duty to consult.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities of Parties

The CEA Agency will:

- Act as the CCC for the EA phase of the federal review in relation to the Project, coordinate and facilitate the Crown's consultation activities before and during the EA, and ensure a smooth transition to the regulatory review if required. As the CCC, the CEA Agency will:
 - Develop and implement a Crown consultation plan that is consistent with a whole-ofgovernment approach to Crown consultation by the federal Crown through close collaboration with RAs and with support from expert FAs as appropriate;
 - Coordinate federal Crown consultation activities with those of the Province:
 - Invite Aboriginal groups to participate in the EA process and make their concerns known about EA matters, as well as the project impacts on their established or potential Aboriginal and treaty rights;
 - Coordinate the involvement and provide updates to RAs and expert FAs regarding federal Crown consultation activities with Aboriginal groups as it relates to the EA;
 - Represent the Crown with RAs during consultation activities, and work with those authorities to appropriately consider and address issues raised by Aboriginal groups;
 - Compile the Crown consultation record, including a tracking table for those issues that may require a response from the RAs and expert FAs;
 - Coordinate the evaluation of the scope, nature, and sufficiency of the Crown's consultation efforts, with input from the DOJ, IAND and RAs;
 - Coordinate the response, with input from IAND and the RAs, on behalf of the Government of Canada to Aboriginal Groups on how concerns were addressed during the EA;
 - Coordinate discussions amongst the RAs for the purposes of identifying a lead CCC for Aboriginal consultation activities related to the regulatory phase; and,

Document lessons learned.

The MPMO will:

- Provide oversight to ensure the overall consistency, accountability, and transparency of the Aboriginal Crown consultation effort, for the entire federal review;
- House and maintain the official Record of Crown Consultation Activities for the Project; and.
- Incorporate information relating to consultation activities into the MPMO Tracker.

RAs will:

- Contribute to the "Whole of Government" approach by participating in consultation activities throughout the entire federal review (including before, during and after the EA) in areas relevant/appropriate to their mandates and areas of statutory and policy responsibility;
- Represent the Crown in concert with the CCC and the province, and work with the Proponent and other Parties to address Aboriginal issues, as appropriate/required;
- Take on the role of the CCC from the CEA Agency following the EA course of action decision:
- Report on consultation activities to the CEA Agency and the MPMO in accordance with the established records-management process;
- Provide input into the response to Aboriginal groups on how concerns were addressed;
- Support issues analysis work, where required;
- Contribute to the evaluation of the scope, nature, and sufficiency of the Crown's consultation efforts, with CEA Agency, the DOJ, and IAND;
- If appropriate, conduct a *prima facie* strength of claim analysis with input from DOJ, IAND and the CCC; and,
- Develop, review and approve the Aboriginal consultation work plan for the regulatory phase, if required.

Expert FAs will:

• Support any of the above activities upon request of the CCC and/or RAs, as appropriate.

DOJ and IAND will:

- Provide legal services (DOJ), information and advice to the CEA Agency, MPMO and RAs as appropriate and required throughout the federal review; and,
- Assist in the evaluation of the scope, nature, and sufficiency of the Crown's consultation efforts.

Annex IV

Responsible Authorities Roles, Responsibilities, Key Milestones and Service Standards

EA

- Participate in meetings with other federal/provincial authorities, where appropriate;
- Review, comment on and approve the EA work plan and Aboriginal consultation work plan;
- Provide guidance with respect to the content of the Screening Report to the EA Manager or to the Proponent where they have been delegated to prepare the Screening Report;
- Manage the Registry Project File and CEARIS
- Review, comment on and approve appropriate federal EA documents (e.g., scoping document, screening report);
- Review and comment on the EIS, and participate in the analysis of comments on the EIS;
- Consult with affected/potentially affected Aboriginal groups as described in Annexes II and III;
- Take EA course of action decision following the finalization of the Screening Report;
- Work with other RAs, expert FAs, the Proponent and the province to ensure implementation of mitigation measures and the design and implementation of a follow-up program, if a follow-up program was determined to be appropriate in the circumstances; and.
- Where appropriate, work with other RAs, expert FAs, the Proponent and the Province to identify measures or means to accommodate adverse impacts on potential or established Aboriginal and treaty rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982.

Regulatory

- Prepare regulatory work plan;
- Participate in meetings with other federal/provincial authorities as appropriate;
- Participate in public comment period, public notice and possible public consultations, as appropriate;
- Provide expert advice with respect to its mandate, regulatory responsibilities and areas of interest, where appropriate;
- If appropriate, take regulatory decision following the EA course of action decision;
- Undertake any required activities related to its mandate, regulatory responsibilities and areas of interest, including consulting with affected/potentially affected Aboriginal groups as appropriate, to support regulatory decisions; and,
- Conduct site visits to support regulatory decisions, as required.

Transport Canada

Note: The following milestones represent the key activities associated with the regulatory process for the Project and are not intended to reflect the entire work plan schedule associated with this Project. Furthermore, these milestones may need to be adjusted as additional information is made available.

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES/DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
|---|--|-----------|--|
| Liaise with the Proponent regarding potential works in regards to impacts on navigability | Liaise with the Proponent regarding proposed works that could potentially impact navigation and on potential alternatives and mitigation strategies to ensure that navigability is maintained. | TC | Ongoing |
| Submit NWPA application(s), including information required to process applications under the NWPA, for each proposed work | Provide TC with a completed application for each proposed work no later than the time of submission of the EIS. | Proponent | Determined by the Proponent. |
| Determination and comment on NWPA application(s) | Review application package and information/plans for adequacy to support NWPA review. Request further information if required to proceed with application. | TC | 8 weeks after application submission. |
| | Review draft FHCP for potential impacts to navigation and provide comments to DFO with respect to the navigability of the watercourse and any concerns regarding potential mitigation measures with respect to navigation. | | Within 2 weeks of receiving the draft FHCP |
| NIA process - on- site inspection(s) | Complete on-site NIA of the Project, site and waterway(s), subject to weather and time of year. | TC | Site inspection within 2 months of receipt of completed application, then as necessary until completion of public comment process. |

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES/DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
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| Notice to the Proponent to deposit plans and to advertise pursuant to the s. 9 of the NWPA, if required | Provide the Proponent with advertisement package pursuant to NWPA s. 9. | TC | Within 3 weeks of completed initial on-site inspection and following the assessment of navigational issues arising from any changes to the Project due to EA issues. |
| Deposit and advertise, if required | Deposit all plans in the local land registry or land titles office or other place specified by the Minister and advertise in the Canada Gazette and in one or more newspapers that are published in or near the place where the work is to be constructed. Provide proof of deposit and advertising to TC. | Proponent | Interested persons may provide written comments to the Minister within 30 days after the publication of the last notice referred to in s.9(3) or 9(4) of the NWPA. |
| Consult with Aboriginal groups regarding navigational impacts, if required | Seek information regarding navigational concerns from the Proponent or directly from Aboriginal groups through the federal EA process, if possible. Or, if not possible, through departmental Aboriginal consultation processes. | TC | To be completed within the EA phase; however, consultation would be ongoing until duty has been met to the satisfaction of the Minister of Transport. |
| Address public comments and issues raised by Aboriginal groups, regarding the Project's potential impact on navigation | Should TC receive concerns from the public regarding navigation, the Proponent and TC will work together to resolve concerns. Should TC receive concerns from Aboriginal groups regarding navigation, the Proponent and TC will work together to resolve the concerns. | Proponent and TC TC | To be completed within 2 months of completion of advertisement process. |
| | Additional requirements might be deemed necessary by TC in regard to potential impacts on navigation posed by proposed works. TC will facilitate public comment process if required. | | |
| Resubmission of NWPA | Resubmission of NWPA application(s) where applicable and | Proponent | Determined by the Proponent, if required. |

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES/DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
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| application(s), if required | re-deposit and re-advertising of plans in one or more local papers and the Canada Gazette is required if substantial changes to proposed work(s) are required. Furthermore, DFO fish habitat compensation plans will have to be reviewed prior to issuing an | | |
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| Final application review process | Perform a final review of all information on file, including technical information and ensure all public comments are addressed. | TC | 4 weeks |
| Course of Action Decision under the CEAA | TC reaches course of action decision under the CEAA. | | As per EA work plan. |
| Make regulatory decision | Make regulatory decision under NWPA. | TC | Within 90 calendar days after TC makes an appropriate course of action decision if the NWPA application(s) submitted no later than the time of the submission of the EIS. The regulatory decision will be contingent on: 1. The discharge of any legal Aboriginal consultation obligations associated with the approval(s). 2. An EA course of action decision under s. 20(1) of CEAA. 3. Mitigation of public concerns to the satisfaction of the Minister of Transport. |

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Note: The following milestones represent the key activities associated with the regulatory process for the Project and are not intended to reflect the entire work plan schedule associated with this Project. Furthermore, these milestones may need to be adjusted as additional information is made available.

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The following milestones occur after DFO's review of a complete Project Description and determination that an authorization under Subsection 35(2) and/or Section 32of the *Fisheries Act* is likely to be required. If such an authorization is likely to be required, DFO will request that the Proponent submit an application for authorization for review.

Appropriately detailed information associated with the assessment of effects on fish and fish habitat and mitigation (including compensation) to address those effects must be provided during the EA to support the determination of the significance of adverse effects on fish and fish habitat. This information will be identified through DFO's input to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) guidelines or terms of reference.

Aboriginal consultation activities related to the EA are captured in Annex II: Key Milestones and Service Standards for the Environmental Assessment and Aboriginal Consultation.

| Receipt of an |
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| application for a |
| Subsection 35(2) |
| and/or Section 32 |
| Fisheries Act |
| authorization(s) |

DFO receives an application from the Proponent for the authorization of impacts to fish habitat under Subsection 35(2) and/or the destruction of fish under Section 32 of the *Fisheries Act*.

The application must be complete and be supported by adequate plans, maps, reports and data to support the review.

The application should also be supported by (as part of the authorization or in the EIS) proposed mitigation to minimize impacts on fish and fish habitat and a proposed fish habitat compensation plan (FHCP) associated with a Subsection 35(2) authorization (if it is determined that one is appropriate).

This information will be used to support the *Fisheries Act* review

Proponent

Dependent upon timing of the submission of the application by the proponent but, at the latest, it must be submitted concurrently with the submission of the first draft of the EIS.

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES / DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
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| | and EA. | | |
| Review and response regarding impacts to fish and fish habitat, and adequacy of information | DFO reviews the application package/EIS (including proposed mitigation, proposed FHCP and associated estimate of financial security, if provided, and other related information) for adequacy and responds to the Proponent as part of DFO comments on the draft EIS. If the FHCP is provided separately from the EIS, DFO will ensure that | DFO | Within 12 weeks of submission of the draft EIS. |
| | the FHCP is provided to Transport Canada for review of potential impacts to navigation (14-day comment period). Should the information be incomplete, DFO will request the required information from the Proponent in order to be able to proceed with the review. | | |
| Receipt of additional information related to Fish, Fish Habitat and the FHCP as part of the revised EIS | DFO receives additional information from the proponent. | Proponent | Dependent upon timing of the submission of the revised EIS by the proponent. |
| Review and response and request for additional | DFO reviews the revised EIS including any additional information related to fish, fish habitat and the FHCP. | DFO | Within 4 weeks of submission of the revised EIS. |
| information, if required | DFO requests further information, if required, to proceed with the review of the application. This may include information on fish habitat compensation since it will form part of the mitigation plan for the EA. | | |
| Submission of | DFO receives final EIS, including | Proponent | Dependent on timing of the submission of the |

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES / DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
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| final EIS | FHCP, from the proponent. | | final EIS by the proponent. |
| Determination of adequacy of information for EA and Fisheries Act authorization requirements | DFO determines that information of appropriate detail on fish and fish habitat, mitigation measures, including FHCP, has been provided to make a conclusion on significance of adverse effects on fish and fish habitat. DFO informs proponent that information is sufficient to support the determination relative to the significance of environmental effects as needed for the EA. DFO also informs the proponent of any additional information requirements that may be necessary to make the regulatory decision, including the | DFO | Within 3 weeks of receipt of Final EIS. |
| | requirement for financial security in relation to compensation. DFO will also, as appropriate, undertake or participate in coordinated Aboriginal consultation activities relative to fish and fish habitat issues. | | |
| | OR | | |
| | If the Final EIS does not yet contain sufficient information to allow for EA conclusion to be made, DFO will request this information/clarification from the proponent. Sufficient information is required before the next step can be undertaken. | | |
| Course of Action Decision under the CEAA | DFO reaches a course of action decision under the CEAA that will determine whether the authorization(s) may be issued. | DFO | Within 2 weeks of the approval of the final Screening Report. |
| | If the course of action decision allows for proceeding with | | |

| MILESTONE | ACTIVITIES / DESCRIPTION | LEAD | SERVICE STANDARD |
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| | authorization(s), the subsequent activities and milestones will apply. | | |
| Aboriginal consultation | Through coordinated Aboriginal consultation activities, DFO will undertake additional consultation, as appropriate, based upon results of consultation undertaken during the EA. Activities and service standards will be identified in Aboriginal Consultation work plan after analysis of results of consultation activities undertaken during the EA. | DFO | As per Aboriginal Consultation work plan developed after analysis of results of consultation activities undertaken during the EA. |
| Receipt of detailed information for Fisheries Act authorization | DFO receives detailed FHCP, including information on financial security (if required) in a level of detail necessary to make a regulatory decision. Upon receipt, DFO will ensure that a copy of the detailed FHCP is provided to Transport Canada for a 14-day comment period. | Proponent | Dependent on timing of the submission by the proponent. |
| Review and response regarding detailed information for <i>Fisheries Act</i> authorization | DFO notifies the proponent that the FHCP is acceptable or if additional information is required to allow for the regulatory decision to be made. Sufficient information is required before the next step can be undertaken. | DFO | Within 30 days of receipt of the information. If multiple information requests are required DFO will respond within 15 days of the proponent responding to the previous request. |
| Issuance of Subsection 35(2) and/or Section 32 Fisheries Act | If appropriate, DFO issues a Fisheries Act authorization ² to the Proponent for impacts to fish and fish habitat. | DFO | DFO issues the authorization 60 days following the determination that the |

² Fisheries Act authorization may be issued based upon policy guidance the *Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat*, 1986; Practitioners Guide to writing a subsection 35(2) Fisheries Act authorization for DFO Habitat Management staff, (v1.1); and Practitioners Guide to habitat compensation for DFO Habitat Management staff, (v1.1).

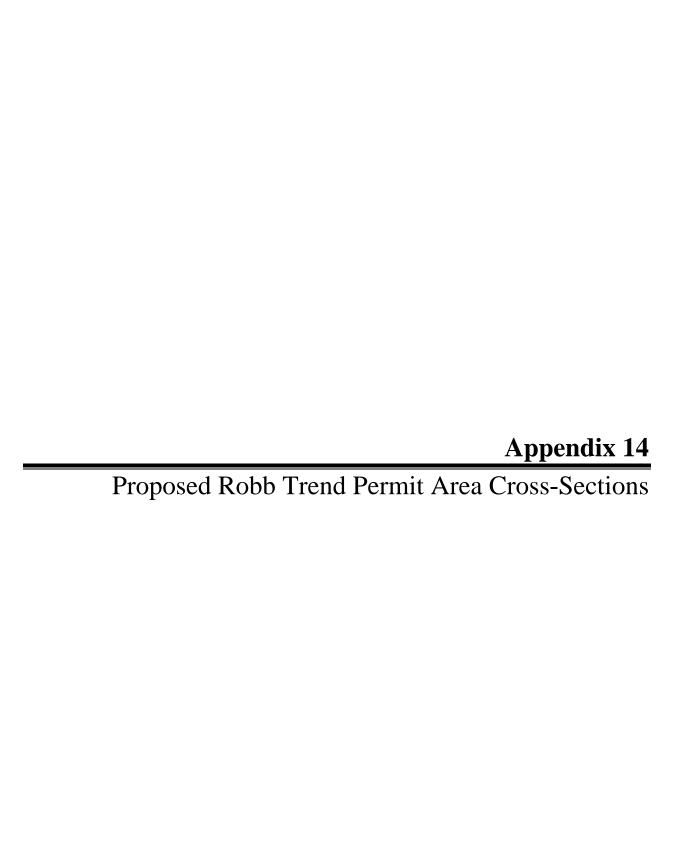
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| authorization | | | FHCP is acceptable (including financial security), and the discharge of any Aboriginal consultation responsibilities with respect to the Fisheries Act authorization. |
| | | | Issuance of the authorization(s) may also consider the Proponent's timing needs for the authorization(s) in that, should an authorization not be required until much later than the timeline above, DFO will issue it when it is appropriate. |

Annex V

Other Departments and Agencies Roles and Responsibilities

| Act as the EA Manager including the developme Work in cooperation will identify and evaluate meaning to mitigation measures and implemented; Coordinate EA and About jurisdictions during the properties of the Screening Report Lead and coordinate the of the Screening Report Expert Federal Authorities Upon request from an RA, or roles and responsibilities: Review and submit common Consultation work plan; Participate in federal properties and responsibilities; Review and submit common consultation work plan; Participate in federal properties and responsibilities; Review and submit common consultation work plan; Participate in federal properties and submit common consultation work plan; Review and submit common consultation work plan; Review and submit common consultation work plan; | LES / RESPONSIBILITIES | | | | |
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| Work in cooperation will identify and evaluate me mitigation measures and implemented; Coordinate EA and Abordinate EA and Coordinate EA and Abordinate EA and Coordinate EA and Coordin | and CCC for the EA in relation to the Project, | | | | |
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| of the Screening Report Expert Federal Authorities Upon request from an RA, or roles and responsibilities: Review and submit come Consultation work plan; Participate in federal progrelevant expertise; Review and submit come | e federal review and ensure overall quality control | | | | |
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| Consultation work plan; Participate in federal properties; Review and submit communications | Review and submit comments on the EA work plan and Aboriginal | | | | |
| Participate in federal prorelevant expertise; Review and submit com | | | | | |
| relevant expertise; • Review and submit com | oject review committee meetings for provision of | | | | |
| Review and submit com | oject review committee meetings for provision of | | | | |
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| 1 D 11 | Travitation and backing comments on Err accuments as appropriate, | | | | |
| | requested by a RA in ensuring the implementation | | | | |
| | and/or follow-up program (if appropriate) on | | | | |
| which the expert FA and | | | | | |
| | with other federal/provincial authorities as | | | | |
| appropriate; | | | | | |
| Support aboriginal cons | ultation activities as appropriate; | | | | |
| | ct of their respective mandate and area(s) of | | | | |
| expertise when requeste | ed by the RAs. Advice will be provided within | | | | |
| timelines requested by a | in RA; and, | | | | |
| Review and submit com | nments on the EIS, and comments received on it. | | | | |
| Area of Expertise/Interest | | | | | |
| HC • Air quality health effec | ets; | | | | |
| | try foods (e.g. fish, wild game, garden produce, | | | | |
| berries, etc); | | | | | |
| Drinking and recreation | nal water quality: | | | | |
| Radiation effects; | | | | | |
| Electric and magnetic f | - ··· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | |
| Noise impacts; | | | | | |
| Health risk assessment | | | | | |

| PARTY | ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES | | |
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| | Federal air, water, and soil quality guidelines/standards used in human health risk assessments; and, | | |
| | Toxicology (multimedia - air, water, soil). | | |
| EC | Wildlife, including:Migratory birds; | | |
| | ■ SARA species; | | |
| | Habitat conservation; and | | |
| | Wetlands. | | |
| | Water quality; | | |
| | Surface Water Hydrology; | | |
| | Waste and effluent management; | | |
| | • Air quality; | | |
| | Air Emissions; and, | | |
| | Environmental emergencies. | | |
| NRCan | Hydrogeology; | | |
| | Terrain stability; and, | | |
| | Geohazards. | | |
| Other Department | ents/Agencies | | |
| IAND | Provide advice in regard to Aboriginal consultation. | | |
| MPMO | • Coordinate the development and approval of the Project Agreement; | | |
| | Monitor and report on the progress of the Project through the federal review; | | |
| | • Take proactive steps to identify opportunities to streamline the federal review to meet government timelines and identify bottlenecks that could cause delay; and, | | |
| | Incorporate information received from the CEA Agency, expert FA(s) RA(s), and proponent on the EA and regulatory milestones into the MPMO Tracker. | | |



| APPENDIX 14 | | | | | |
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| GEOLOGY SECTIONS Key | | | | | |
| 92 | | Section (Easting) | Spacing | | |
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| 1 | Robb | -3600 | - | | |
| 3 | West | -2800 -2450 | 800 350 | | |
| 4 | | -1650 | 800 | | |
| 5 | | -900 | 750 | | |
| 6 | | -100 | 800 | | |
| 7 | | 700 | 800 | | |
| 8 | | 1500 | 800 | | |
| 9 | | 1900 | 400 | | |
| | | | | | |
| 10 | Robb | 5900 | - | | |
| 11 | Main | 6800 | 900 | | |
| 12 | | 7600 | 800 | | |
| 13 | | 9500 | 800 1100 | | |
| 15 | | 10400 | 900 | | |
| 16 | | 11000 | 600 | | |
| 17 | | 11400 | 400 | | |
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| 19 | | 13400 | 1000 | | |
| 20 | | 14400 | 1000 | | |
| 21 22 | | 15200 15900 | 800 700 | | |
| 23 | | 16600 | 700 | | |
| 24 | | 17400 | 800 | | |
| 25 | | 18200 | 800 | | |
| 26 | | 19400 | 1200 | | |
| | | | | | |
| 27 | Robb | 20500 | 1100 | | |
| 28 | Center | 23200 | 2700 | | |
| 29 | | 24000 | 800 | | |
| 30 | | 25100 | 1100 | | |
| 31 | | 26000 | 900 | | |
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| 36 | Robb | 30400 | 900 | | |
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| 41 | | 34800 | 1000 | | |
| 42 | | 35600 | 800 | | |
| 43 | | 36500 | 900 | | |
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| 47 | | 39800 | 800 | | |
| 48 | | 40800 | 1000 | | |
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| 50 | | 42000 | 200 | | |
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| 52 | | 43600 | 800 | | |

