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**Subject: Technical Review of the Environmental Impact Statement
for the Proposed Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project,
Near the District of Sparwood, British Columbia**

On December 15, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from NWP Coal Limited (the Proponent) for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project (the Project). On January 12, 2024, the Agency notified the Proponent that it was of the opinion that the EIS and EIS Summary contained sufficient information to commence the technical review of the documents and an associated public comment period, which will be carried out in coordination with British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). The EIS is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment [Registry](#) Internet Site (the Registry).

The Proposed Project

The Project is a proposed open pit metallurgical coal mine, located in the Elk Valley, approximately 12 kilometres from the District of Sparwood in southeastern British Columbia. The Project is expected to be in operation for approximately 16 years, with a production capacity of 3.7 million

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tonnes/year of raw coal including up to 2.1 million tonnes/year of clean coal. An estimate of surface disturbance associated with the Project is up to 1,100 hectares.

More information about the Project can be found on the Registry at: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations> (reference number 80087).

Request for comments – Due February 28, 2024

The Agency invites the United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide us with your comments on the potential environmental effects of the Project and any proposed measures to mitigate those effects, as described in the EIS. In particular, the Agency would welcome your comments on the potential transboundary environmental effects of the Project on the United States.

Please note that the Agency will consider all comments received in conducting the Technical Review and in preparing the subsequent Environmental Assessment Report. The U.S. EPA is encouraged to provide as much detail as practicable in describing the potential issues that may be of relevance or concern in relation to the EIS. The Agency encourages you to also provide a concise synopsis of each issue. U.S. EPA's comments may be submitted to Crown@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Important note: All records produced, collected or received in relation to the environmental assessment of the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and will be posted on the Registry. Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency before submitting the information. Information marked as confidential will not be accepted without prior contact made with the Agency.

Provincial Technical Advisory Committee

The Agency understands that the EAO has formally invited the U.S. EPA to participate in the provincial Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Project. To maximize cooperation and coordination between the federal and provincial assessment processes, the Agency will also rely upon the TAC as the joint venue to discuss and resolve technical issues related to the federal environmental assessment. The Agency will therefore actively participate in the TAC, and will request that Canadian federal authorities participate in the TAC at appropriate points in the federal process to provide their technical expertise in support of joint issues resolution.

Please contact me by phone at 778-951-5106 or by email at Stefan.Crampton@iaac-aeic.gc.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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