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June 4, 2021

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Dear Simon Stepp:

**SUBJECT: Summary of Issues for the Coalspur Mines Ltd. – Phase I Vista Test Underground Mine and Vista Mine Phase II Expansion Projects**

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a comment period from May 6, 2021 to May 26, 2021, inviting participants to provide feedback related to the Coalspur Phase I Vista Test Underground Mine and Vista Mine Phase II Expansion Projects (the Projects). All submissions received are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) (Reference #80731).

A Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency during the comment period, is enclosed with this letter. As it is a high-level summary, the Agency encourages Coalspur Mines Ltd. to review the original submissions posted on the Registry and to consider the full context in which the comments were provided.

Please note that due to the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic, some interested parties may not have had the opportunity or capacity to provide comments during the comment period on the summary of the Initial Project Description. The Agency will continue to accept comments from interested parties and the “Submit a Comment” feature on the Projects’ Registry page will remain available. Coalspur Mines Ltd. is encouraged to additionally review and consider any comments submitted within a reasonable time period after the close of the comment period when preparing the response to the Summary of Issues. The Agency will consider all comments received in its decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Projects.



Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, Coalspur Mines Ltd. must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how it intends to address the issues outlined in the Summary of Issues and includes the information described in the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (the Regulations). The requirements for the Detailed Project Description are set out in section 4 and Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Please consult the *Guide to Preparing an Initial Project Description and a Detailed Project Description* at [www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guide-preparing-project-description-detailed-project-description.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guide-preparing-project-description-detailed-project-description.html) for further information.

Coalspur Mines Ltd. is encouraged to provide meaningful responses to the issues included in the Summary of Issues. The Summary of Issues and Coalspur Mines Ltd.'s responses will be used to inform the Agency's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Projects. In particular, Coalspur Mines Ltd. may find value in reviewing the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template, as it relates to the issues raised, at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/tailored-impact-statement-guidelines-projects-impact-assessment-act.html>. The Agency will use the information provided in the Detailed Project Description, Response to Summary of Issues, and comments provided to the Agency to inform the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and plans for this Project, should an impact assessment be required. The template provides the types of information that will be required in the Impact Statement.

In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of Coalspur Mines Ltd., are outside of its care and control. In this situation, Coalspur Mines Ltd. may choose to identify the party or parties with the potential to address the issue(s).

**Please provide the Agency with your Detailed Project Description, including the response to the Summary of Issues, by July 4, 2021, or inform the Agency that more time is required.** Coalspur Mines Ltd. is strongly encouraged to contact the Agency by June 18, 2021, to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Detailed Project Description. If more than 30 days is required, please notify the Agency in writing and request that the Agency suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

**Important note:** Coalspur Mines Ltd. is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the Projects – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and may be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the Projects.

For ease of reference, the Agency requests that the response to the Summary of Issues be provided in a table with reference to other parts of the Detailed Project Description as warranted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (587) 357-6484 or IAAC.VistaMine-MineVista.AEIC@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

<Sent Electronically>

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Enclosure: Coalspur Mines Ltd. Phase I Vista Test Underground Mine and Vista Mine Phase II Expansion Projects - Summary of Issues