
Elk Valley Water Quality Plan

Annex C.9

Letters of Support



Centermount Coal Ltd.

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21 July 2012

Teck Coal Limited
Suite 1000, 205 – 9th Ave SE
Calgary, Alberta T2G 0R3

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Elk Valley Water Quality Plan

The purpose of this letter is for Centermount Coal Limited to formally give support to Teck Coal Limited for the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan proposed by Teck Coal. Centermount Coal has been named as a Stakeholder in the Elk Valley as ordered by the Minister of the Environment.

Centermount Coal Limited holds four mining licenses in the Elk Valley, known as Bingay Creek Coal Project, which is adjacent to Teck Coal's Fording Operations. The project has completed its Pre-feasibility Study Stage and is in the very early stage of the Environmental Assessment Process.

Teck Coal Ltd planning for water quality is feasible and practical. It has met at a Senior Management level between the two companies to ensure cooperation on environmental issues such as water quality. Teck has followed by supplying any technical documents and advice needed for environmental studies. Centermount Coal has also formally informed the Minister of the Environment that it does not have the experience in Elk Valley water quality planning, especially at this early stage of the project, the therefore supports Teck Coal's efforts.

Although the Bingay Project differs from Teck Coal's operation with Bingay being a valley bottom coal deposit while Teck's operations being mountain top mining; both companies understand the need for flexibility with respect to longer term commitments to understand the impacts and success of the initial mitigation measures before the measures are replicated. This cooperation is necessary so that there is unity within the Elk Valley coal operations with success being a team effort by all parties.

Centermount Coal Ltd. strongly supports Teck Coal Ltd. in proposing the Water Quality Plan and wishes them success in this effort.

Yours Sincerely,

Edward J. Nunn, P. Eng.
Vice President - Technical

Crowsnest Pass Coal Mining Limited

Barry Lavin,
President,
Crowsnest Pass Coal Mining Ltd.
10 July 2014

Ms Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
Government of British Columbia
Victoria
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Dear Ms Polak

Area Based Water Management Plan order - Elk Valley Letter of Support for Teck Coal

Crowsnest Pass Coal Mining Ltd (CPCM) holds coal mining licences in the Elk valley , and its Coal creek underground coal project is advancing towards technical and economic feasibility.

CPCM is a named Stakeholder to the water management plan for the Elk Valley ordered by the Minister of Environment, in 2013.

This is a formal letter of support for the Plan being proposed by Teck Coal .

It is a very technically challenging project, even by international standards . It is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty where communities and industry have worked in partnership creating employment opportunities , and harvesting the natural resources , whilst still respecting the environmental values and heritage of the region . The volumes of water concerned and the nature of the elements being targeted are unprecedented within the mining

industry. Our view, based on our engagement with Teck Coal is that it has brought together a great team of experienced professions and rigorously looked at the range of practical alternatives open to it . It has concluded and proposed a course of actions that are sensible and practical. I think that we must also appreciate that a degree of flexibility is required with respect to longer term commitment that allows the impacts and success of the initial course of measures to be implemented, before the measures and plants are replicated further. We appreciate that this is an area of science and engineering that is evolving and we are hopeful that in the future the plan may be further developed incorporating new technologies and potentially reducing the size and footprint of water treatment plants.

Throughout this intense process we commend Teck Coal on its communication and engagement process. Forums with local communities have been appropriately timed and well resources from the company's side. Whilst CPCM management has been based overseas for most of the time, communication and engagement has nonetheless been excellent and we have felt involved and valued in the process of developing the Plan .

We support Teck in proposing this Plan and wish them great success in their efforts to reverse the trend and start the process of improving the water quality within the Elk Valley

Respectfully,

Barry Lavin
President
Crowsnest Pass Coal Mining Ltd



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July 16, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

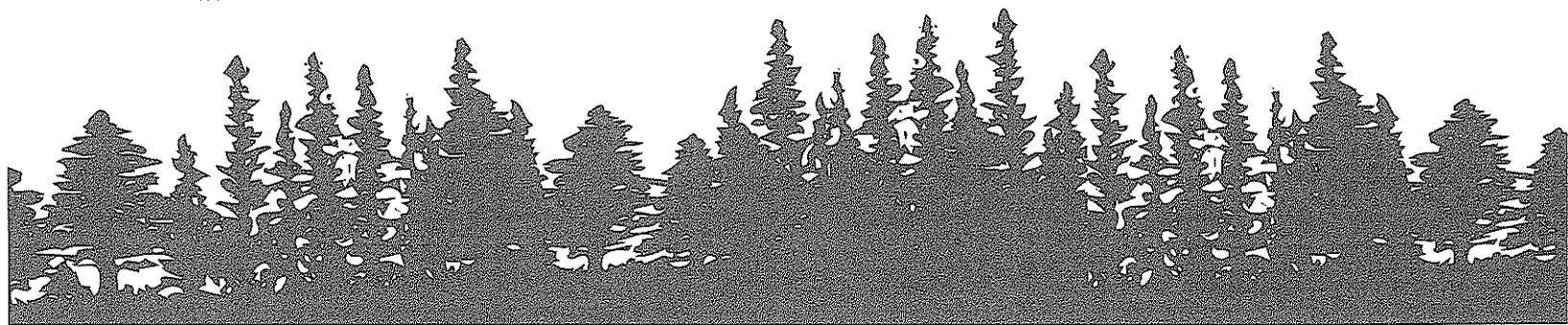
Re: Elk Valley Water Quality Plan

The District of Elkford recognizes the importance of continued, sustainable mining to the economic and social wellbeing of the Elk Valley and the need to ensure the health of our watershed. We are confident that through development of the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan Teck is taking the steps necessary to achieve both of these important objectives.

The District has followed the development of the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan with interest and we have been impressed with the efforts Teck has made to engage the public; work with local communities; keep community leaders and stakeholders informed; and to provide opportunities for feedback. Teck has our confidence and support as they work to maintain water quality and the quality of life in the Elk Valley. We look forward to continuing to work with Teck as they implement the plan and continue to adapt and build on their environmental stewardship efforts to date.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean McKerracher





16 July 2014

Sent Via Email: Casey.Brennan@teck.com

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File: CR-730

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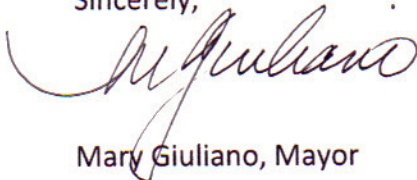
On behalf of City Council, and the citizens of Fernie, I am writing to express our support of the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan prepared by Teck Coal Limited ("Teck"). The City of Fernie recognizes the importance of mining to our community's economic and social wellbeing and we are confident that Teck is taking the necessary steps to ensure sustainable mining continues in the Elk Valley.

Council has followed the development of the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan with interest and we have been impressed with the efforts Teck has demonstrated to engage the public and work with local communities to keep community leadership and stakeholders informed and create opportunities to provide feedback.

In conclusion, we fully support Teck's efforts as they work to maintain water quality and our quality of life in the Elk Valley. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Teck to implement their Plan, once approved, while they continue to adapt and improve their approach to environmental stewardship.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 250.423.6817 or via email at mary.giuliano@fernien.ca.

Sincerely,



Mary Giuliano, Mayor



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Saturday July 19, 2014

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RE: Elk Valley Water Quality Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Centre recognizes the importance of continued, sustainable mining to the economic and social wellbeing of the Elk Valley and the need to ensure the health of our watershed. We are confident to the open and transparent process Teck has initiated.

We look forward to continuing to work with Teck once the Plan is approved as they implement it and continue to adapt and build on their environmental stewardship efforts to date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Corien Sieders".

Corien Sieders

Fernie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director on behalf of the Chamber Directors