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Ministry of Environment
Environmental Assessment Office

Requests for Substituted Process under the CEAA/EAO Memorandum of Understanding on Substitution of Environmental Assessments

- The Environmental Assessment Office has requested substitution of the Province's environmental assessment process for the federal process for two proposed projects:
 - The Carbon Creek coal mine located 40 kilometres west of Hudson's Hope.
 - The Sukunka coal project located 55 kilometres south of Chetwynd.

Carbon Creek Coal Mine

- Cardero Coal Ltd. proposes to develop and operate an open pit metallurgical coal mine located approximately 60 kilometres northwest of Chetwynd and 40 kilometres west of Hudson's Hope, in northeast British Columbia. The proposed project would involve open pit surface mining, followed by combined open pit and underground mining. The production rate would be 4.1 million metric tonnes of metallurgical coal per year, over a mine life of 20 years.
- With a production capacity of over 250,000 tonnes per year, the proposed project triggered a provincial environmental assessment for a coal mine. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has determined that a federal environmental assessment is required.

Sukunka Coal Project

- Xstrata Coal Canada proposes to develop and operate an integrated surface and underground metallurgical coal mine located approximately 55 kilometres south of Chetwynd and 40 kilometres west of Tumbler Ridge, in northeast British Columbia. The proposed project would initially produce 1.5 to 2.5 million tonnes per year, increasing to 6 million tonnes per year when underground mining begins. The mine life is expected to exceed 20 years.
- With a production capacity of over 250,000 tonnes per year, the proposed project triggered a provincial environmental assessment for a coal mine. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has determined that a federal environmental assessment is required.

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