

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Baldy Ridge Extension Project

Open House and Invitation to Comment

Teck Coal Limited (Proponent) is proposing to extend the working life of the Elkview mine by developing and operating the proposed Baldy Ridge Extension Project (proposed Project). The proposed Project would be located approximately 2.5 km east of Sparwood, British Columbia, and would produce an estimated 6.8 million tonnes of clean coal per year.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by the Proponent, Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve Application Information Requirements.

Key to the Application Information Requirements is the identification of Valued Components to be studied and the areas within which the studies would occur. This task is done through the Valued Components Selection Document.

To provide information about Valued Components Selection, EAO invites the public to attend an Open House. There will be one Open House, to be held as follows:

at: Sparwood Seniors Centre
101 4th Avenue, Sparwood
(next to Lilac Terrace Seniors Housing)

on: January 22, 2015

from: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to Valued Components Selection. The comment period will begin on January 15, 2015 and end on February 16, 2015. **All comments received during this comment period in relation to Valued Components Selection will be considered.**

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

• **By Online Form at:**

<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>

• **By Mail:**

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PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
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• **By Fax:**

Fax: 250-356-7477

An electronic copy of the Valued Components Selection Document and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Valued Components Selection Document are also available for viewing at these locations:

Teck Community and Aboriginal Affairs Office

116 Centennial St, Sparwood
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

Sparwood Library

110 Pine Avenue, Sparwood

Elkview Operations Main Gate

RR 1, Hwy 3, Sparwood, V0B 2G1

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

