

Donkin Export Coking Coal Project Public Comments Invited

OTTAWA, April 9, 2013 - The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency is conducting a comprehensive study environmental assessment for the Donkin Export Coking Coal Project located in Nova Scotia. The public is invited to comment on the Comprehensive Study Report for this proposed project.

The Comprehensive Study Report includes the Agency's conclusions and recommendations regarding the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures and whether or not the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

The [Comprehensive Study Report](#) and more information on this project are available on the Agency's website at (registry reference number [63924](#)).

Copies of the Comprehensive Study Report are also available for viewing at the following locations:

- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
1801 Hollis Street, Suite 200
Halifax
- Glace Bay Branch Library
121 Union Street
Glace Bay
- James McConnell Memorial Library
50 Falmouth Street
Sydney

Written comments must be sent **by May 9, 2013 to:**

Donkin Export Coking Coal Project
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This is the final public comment period of the environmental assessment of the project. After this public comment period, the Minister of the Environment will take into consideration the Comprehensive Study Report along with comments received from the public and Aboriginal groups and issue an environmental assessment decision statement.

This project was assessed using a science-based approach under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proposed Project

Xstrata Coal Donkin Management Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of an underground coal mine facility at the site of the existing Donkin Mine located on the northeastern tip of Cape-Breton in Nova Scotia. The mine would have a lifespan of 30 plus years and extract approximately 3.6 million tonnes of coal per year.

For more information, media may contact:

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