

## Grassy Mountain Coal Project Joint Review Panel

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By email only

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**Subject:           Completeness of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the  
Grassy Mountain Coal Project**

Dear Mr. Ignasiak:

The Joint Review Panel (the Panel) considering the Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the Project) has reviewed the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report (CIAR #42), and additional information submitted by Benga, including addenda 1 – 12, received in response to supplemental information requests. In relation to the *Coal Conservation Act* Applications 1844520 and 1902073, *Environmental and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* Application No. 001-004-03427, *Water Act* Applications 001-00403428, 001-00403429, 001-00403430, 001-00403431 and *Public Lands Act* Applications MSL160757, MSL160758, LOC 160841, LOC 160842, the Panel has determined that the content of the EIA report and addenda meet the Alberta Energy Regulator final terms of reference dated, March 19, 2015.

The Panel has deemed the EIA report complete, pursuant to Section 53 of *EPEA*.

This determination does not represent the Panel's agreement with the details of Benga's analysis included in the EIA report, nor does it represent acceptance or approval of the proposed Project. The EIA report will be further evaluated by the Panel in its consideration of the above-noted applications. The Panel may require Benga to provide additional information at the public hearing, regarding the proposed project in order for the Panel to make necessary regulatory decisions, including whether to recommend approval of the applications and potential approvals conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you are encouraged to contact Elaine Arruda at [hearing.services@aer.ca](mailto:hearing.services@aer.ca).

Yours truly,



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