

Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
COAL VALLEY RESOURCES INC.
COAL VALLEY MINE**

**ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD
APPLICATION NO. 1725257**

**ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has received mine site permit Amendment Application No. 1725257, and Alberta Environment and Water (AEW) has received an environmental impact assessment (EIA) from Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) for approval of the proposed Robb Trend Project (the Project). This notice is to advise interested parties that the application and associated EIA are available for viewing and that the ERCB, AEW, and other government departments are now reviewing the application and associated EIA.

Description of the Project

CVRI owns and operates the Coal Valley Mine (CVM), located about 100 kilometres (km) south of Edson in the Coal Branch area of Alberta. The Project would be located in Townships 46, 47, 48, and 49, Ranges 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, West of the 5th Meridian. The permit area of the proposed Project is about 10 113 hectares.

The CVM has been in operation since 1978, employing both truck/shovel and dragline mining methods. The mine supplies thermal coal for overseas and domestic markets. At current forecast rates of coal production, CVRI will need to enter new permit areas as coal reserves in the existing permit area become depleted. CVRI's reserve estimate for the Project area is about 177.5 million tonnes of raw coal. This additional tonnage would provide CVRI with enough reserves to operate at its projected rates of production until 2038.

CVRI has prepared and submitted the following:

- Application No. 1725257 to the ERCB, pursuant to Part 4, Section 13 of the *Coal Conservation Act*, and Part 1, Section 5 of the *Coal Conservation Regulations*, to amend the existing permit (Permit No. 2005-6) to extend the mine site operations to include the Project area. In support of its proposal and as part of this application to the ERCB, CVRI has also submitted an EIA to AEW. The EIA forms part of the application to the ERCB.

For more information or a copy of the Application (CD version also available), contact

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To view a copy of the Application, EIA, and supporting documents, contact

ERCB Information Services
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Copies of the Application are also available for viewing at

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