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## Re: Proposed Vista Coal Mine Project ERCB Application No. 1726915, 1726923, 1726927 EPEA Application No. 001-301345 and *Water Act* No. 00311965

Dear Mr. Brinker:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the proposed Vista Coal Mine project has now been deemed complete pursuant to Section 53 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA).

Please note that this determination of EIA Completeness **does not** represent acceptance or approval of the proposed project. The EIA report has been referred to the ERCB who will issue a decision as to whether the project may proceed further in the regulatory process. If the ERCB approves the project, it will then require a regulatory decision by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development with regards to EPEA\_and *Water Act* applications.

Coalspur may be required to provide additional project information to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in order for the necessary regulatory decisions to be made and potential approvals issued.

Sincerely, Instensed

Corinne Kristensen Acting Environmental Assessment Team Leader Regional Integration (Designated Director Under the Act)