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Dear Mr. Lane:

Further to your letter of November 16, 2010, I wish to advise you that the proposed Vista Coal Project (McLeod River North Project) is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(g and h) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation*. Coalspur Mines Ltd. is required, pursuant to Section 44(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)*, to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for this Project. The EIA Report is to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Part 2 of *EPEA*.

Any future expansions or scope changes to the Project will need to be reviewed as per the requirements outlined in *EPEA* to determine if an EIA Report will be required.

If you have any questions or require further direction about the Environmental Assessment Process please contact Melissa Styba at (780) 427-2931.

At this time I would recommend you contact Margaret Fairbairn (780-495-2236) with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to identify any potential federal triggers (including those under the *Fisheries Act* and *Navigable Waters Protection Act*) and thus any federal environmental assessment requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Sincerely,



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