

Proposed Terms of Reference for Environmental Impact Assessment

The Vista Coal Mine Project is located in Yellowhead County, approximately 10 km from the Hinton town boundary and extends away from Hinton to the southeast for about 12 km up to the McLeod River Valley. The physical footprint of the Project Area will cover about 2,500 hectares in Townships 50 and 51, Ranges 22 and 23, west of the 5th Meridian. This area contains sites allocated for the coal mine and associated infrastructure, including but not limited to a coal drying and processing plant, maintenance shops and offices, process settling pond, coal conveyor, load out facility, environmental management systems and access corridors for a 20-year mining area.

The Director responsible for Environmental Assessment has directed that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report be prepared for Coalspur Mines Ltd's (Coalspur) Vista Coal Mine Project. Coalspur has prepared a proposed Terms of Reference for this Environmental Impact Assessment, and through this public notice, invites the public to review this document. Any comments filed concerning the proposed Terms of Reference will be accessible to the public.

The proposed Terms of Reference and associated project information can be viewed at the following locations:

- Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd Hinton Office, 114 Jasper Street (office hours 8:00AM-5:00PM, Mon-Fri; closed from noon-1:00 PM);
- Coalspur Mines Ltd Calgary Office, Suite 880, 550 11th Avenue SW (office hours 8:00AM-5:00PM, Mon-Fri; closed from noon-1:00 PM);
- Alberta Environment's Register of Environmental Assessment, 111 Twin Atria Bldg., 4999 – 98 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Attn: Melanie Daneluk; <u>http://environment.alberta.ca/02313.html</u>

Digital or hard copies of the proposed Terms of Reference and supporting documentation can be requested from Coalspur by emailing <u>community@coalspur.com</u>. For further information on Coalspur's Vista Coal Mine Project please contact:

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Individuals wishing to provide written comments on the proposed Terms of Reference must submit them by January 6, 2012 to:

Director, Environmental Assessment, Regional Integration, Alberta Environment and Water 111 Twin Atria Bldg., 4999 – 98 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2X3, Fax: (780) 427-9102, E-mail: <u>environmental.assessment@gov.ab.ca</u>