

February 21, 2013

Coal Valley Resources Inc. 1600 Oxford Tower, 10235 – 101 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3G1

Via Email: <u>llafleur@coalvalley.ca</u>

Dear Mr. LaFleur:

Re:

Coal Valley Resources Inc., Robb Trend Project

Our legal counsel, Clayton Leonard, has briefed on a short conversation he had with yourself and your legal counsel on February 13, 2013, regarding our concerns with the above captioned Project. We understand that Coal Valley is willing to meet with representatives from Whitefish to discuss our interest in the Project. As Mr. Leonard may have communicated to you, it is always Whitefish's preference to resolve matters of this sort without recourse to regulatory processes or the courts. We wish to assure Coal Valley that our approach to dealing with your company and the Robb Trend Project will be no exception in this regard.

However, the Government of Alberta and certain federal departments have overlooked the well-known and significant use by our members of the Project area and environs. Further, we have not received any meaningful response from Alberta to our letter of January 23, 2013. It is frustrating for us that Alberta insists on a 21 day timeline for responses from First Nations, but nonetheless operates as though the Crown is entitled to take as much as time as it likes to respond to First Nations. For all of these reasons, we will be taking steps to file objections in the regulatory process over the next couple of weeks. Whitefish is taking this step to protect our interests and our right to participate in the regulatory process. Please do not view these steps as an expression of hostility towards Coal Valley or the Project.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please provide use with potential meeting dates during the second or third week of March. If it suits you, we would consider a meeting at Hinton, particularly if a tour of our your operations could be arranged.

Sincerely,

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Per:

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