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Attention:

Director, Northern Region

Via Email To: elaine.lawrence@gov.ab.ca

Re:

Coal Valley Resources Inc., Pit 29 Haul Road Realignment Project

AER Application No. 1750173

Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128

Our File:

041205-48

This is further to a Statement of Concern from Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation ("WLFN") dated July 11, 2013 in relation to 2 projects proposed by Coal Valley Resources Inc.: the Pit 29 Haul Road Realignment Project, AER Application No. 1750173 ("Haul Road Project"), and the Robb Trend project, AER Application No. 1725257 ("Robb Trend Project").

WLFN has serious concerns about all mining related developments in this part of the province. The Nation however has limited resources, which are currently focused on two regulatory applications (including the Robb Trend Project) which could result in open-pit mines that would take-up large parcels of land in areas where WLFN members actively exercise their treaty rights and traditional uses. For this reason WLFN has decided to withdraw its Statement of Concern for the Haul Road Project.



Its withdrawal of its Statement of Concern for the Haul Road Project is without prejudice to its objection to the Robb Trend Project and WLFN maintains the Statement of Concern as it relates to the Robb Trend Project.

Sincerely,

MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP

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