



## WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY – *Coal Valley Mine*

<b>To:</b>	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency 160 Elgin St. , 22 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3	<b>Project No.:</b>	Robb Trend
<b>Attention:</b>	Brett Maracle	<b>Transmittal No.:</b>	RT-COM-19
<b>Subject:</b>	Request for IR Update, due Feb. 10, 2015	<b>Date:</b>	February 10, 2015
		<b>Issued By:</b>	R. Van Bostelen

Good afternoon Mr. Maracle,

WCC-CVM submits the following status update to the request for information received December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Information request descriptions have been abbreviated for ease of reference.

The following information request elements are under final review and will be submitted to the Canadian environmental Assessment Agency ('CEAA') on or before February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

- Corporate Profile
- Project Description
- Project Schedule
- Concordance Table
- Aboriginal Consultation
  1. Update to Consultation Measures
  2. An update on the status of Completed and in progress Traditional Land Use Studies
- Public engagement
- Alternative Means
- Aquatic Ecology
- Hydrogeology

The following items are under technical development and will be submitted to CEAA on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The additional time is required for these elements to ensure the content meets the CEAA 2012 guidelines and expectations:

- For each potentially-affected Aboriginal Group
  2. Assessment of effects of changes to the environment caused by the Project
    - a. baseline information;
    - b. a prediction of environmental effects (including identification of technically and economically feasible mitigation measures, characterization of residual effects and determination of significance);
    - c. in relation to rights and interests, an assessment of the seriousness of potential impacts;
    - d. a prediction of cumulative effects (including identification of mitigation measures, characterization of residual cumulative effects and determination of significance); and
    - e. consideration of whether a follow-up program is required.
  3. Assessment of the effects of changes to the environment that may be caused by the Project on:
    - a. physical and cultural heritage



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- b. any structure, site or thing that is of historical, archeological, paleontological or architectural significance
- c. health and socio-economic conditions

- Cumulative Effects Assessment
- Accidents and Malfunctions

If you have any questions regarding the submitted status update please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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