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**Suncured Alfalfa Cubes Inc.**

July 20, 2020

**Joint Review Panel**

Alberta Energy Regulator

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

[IAAC.GrassyMountain.AEIC@canada.ca](mailto:IAAC.GrassyMountain.AEIC@canada.ca)

**Re: Request to Participate- Grassy Mountain Coal Project- Application 1902073**

With this letter, delivered by email in pdf format, we hereby request to participate in the Hearing related to the Grassy Mountain Coal Project (Application 1902073).

As directed in your June 29, 2020 Notice of Hearing, we include the following:

1. a concise statement providing:
  - a. a description of how you would be affected by the carrying out of the Project;

We are and will be directly and adversely affected by the Benga Application.

Suncured Alfalfa Cubes owns lands described as SE 19 Twp. 08 Rge. 03 W5M.

Our land and cabin corner the Benga Mine property. The coal handling processing plant and the south rock disposal area will be very close to us.

In previous years, we had our cattle on our land for grazing. In 2018, Benga, without notice, cancelled our grazing agreement on their lands and gave it to another rancher. With the Benga operations and significant reduction in grazable lands, raising cattle on our land alone is not economic. We lost that income.

Benga's "mountain removal", if approved, will directly and significantly adversely affect our use of our land, the mountain water, the wildlife, access to and the value of our land.

We will be exposed to constant noise, dust, explosions and traffic all through the operational life of the mine, which Benga projects to be 24 years, as well as during its decommissioning stage. We are concerned about the effect on our health and all those people living in the area from being exposed to the noise, dust from the project.

We are also concerned about Benga's proposal to discharge "treated" wastewater into Gold Creek. This is our drinking water. This is a fish bearing creek. Gold Creek is a tributary to the Old Man River. Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Saskatoon and many smaller communities rely on this watershed.

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Benga intends to permanently close the only access road to our lands from Blairmore. If the Benga Grassy Mountain Coal Project is allowed to proceed we will be unable to access our land.

The Benga Application has already significantly reduced the value of our 160 acres. We are literally right next door. What value will our land have with no access?

If the Benga Application is approved, our lands, cabin and dream for our family will be lost.

Our quarter section was meant to be our legacy to our family. We have worked hard for this. Benga and its mountain removal project are decimating our hopes and plans.

Through Benga's dealings with us over the past six years, we have little trust in them. Benga has and is trying to squeeze us out and ignore our rights. We want the Panel to hear us.

b. the nature and scope of your intended participation.

We will speak to the Joint Review Panel from our perspective and talk about the impacts Benga has and will have on our family, our interests, our business, our health, our land and cabin.

While the other organizations will address the negative environmental, economic and social impacts, we wish to be heard as the Benga mountain removal project is our unwanted neighbour. The negative impacts are very real and increasing.

2. your contact information;

Suncured Alfalfa Cubes Inc., Norm, Connie and Tyler Watmough, <contact information removed>

Thank you for the opportunity to share our very real and immediate concerns with the Joint Review Panel.

With respect,

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Norm Watmough

Connie Watmough

Tyler Watmough