

Grassy Mountain Coal Project Joint Review Panel

November 20, 2020

By email only

Ms. Angela Lowry
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Aboriginal Consultation Office

**Subject: Request for update on submission of Aboriginal Consultation Office
Hearing Report for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project**

Dear Ms. Lowry,

The Joint Review Panel (the Panel) established to review the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the Project) is currently conducting a public hearing. The Panel has reviewed the Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO) Reports for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project submitted on October 23, 2020 (CIAR #s 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669). In correspondence dated September 10, 2020 (CIAR #524), the ACO indicated that it intended to observe or monitor the electronic hearing for the Project, and consider all relevant evidence submitted during the hearing, before determining if preparation of a hearing report is required.

The Panel concluded its session on Indigenous current use of land and resources, rights, culture, and other Indigenous topics on November 10, 2020. The final arguments for the hearing cannot be scheduled until the submission date for a hearing report from the ACO has been established. Please indicate, as soon as possible, if the ACO will prepare a hearing report and if so, when the ACO intends to submit the report to the Panel.

Any information submitted to the Panel will be posted to the Registry, reference number 80101, unless it is excluded due to confidentiality, security or other reasons.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you are encouraged to contact Tracy Utting, Acting Panel Manager at IAAC.GrassyMountain.AEIC@canada.ca.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

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Chair, Joint Review Panel

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