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*Transmitted via Email*

Dear Mr. Ross

**Subject: Teck Coal Limited Fording River Operations Castle Project (Reference Number 80702)  
Temporary Time Limit Suspension – Planning Phase for Impact Assessment**

Teck Coal Limited, the proponent of the Castle Project, requests that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) immediately suspend the timeline for the Planning Phase under the *Impact Assessment Act* to allow for the alignment of timelines of the federal and provincial processes. In order to achieve this, Teck requests that the timeline for the federal process resume when the Agency accepts the Detailed Project Description, concurrent with the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issuing an EA Readiness Decision under the BC *Environmental Assessment Act*.

This request follows on a meeting with the Agency, the BC EAO, and Teck, on November 3, 2020, whereby the Agency and EAO acknowledged the importance of aligning and coordinating the federal and provincial assessment processes. Representatives of the Agency and EAO confirmed their intention to coordinate the timelines required for a “one project-one assessment” to the extent each is authorized to do so.

With the planning phase of the *Impact Assessment Act* and the early engagement phase of the BC *Environmental Assessment Act* underway, Teck is currently developing a Detailed Project Description that will meet the requirements of both assessment processes. As discussed in our meeting, producing a single final Detailed Project Description harmonizes the processes, as this document will be the basis for the Notice of Determination by the Agency and EA Readiness Decision by the EAO.

Teck is dedicated to advancing the review of the Castle Project in a timely and efficient manner and appreciates the commitment of the Agency and the EAO to harmonizing the timelines required for a “one project-one assessment” process. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Natasha Essar at 250.433.7126 (Natasha.Essar@teck.com).

Sincerely,

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