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Subject: FW: Request--Michel Coal Working Group Comments on Draft VC Selection Document
Attachments: Things to Consider When Reviewing the Michel Coal VC Selection Document.docx; Guidance-Selection-of-Valued-Components.pdf; VC-guideline-clarification-synopsis-2018.docx; MichelCoal_VC_Document_DRAFT_7Feb2019_ver2a.doc

FYI – B.C. just sent out the Valued Components document for the new Michel Creek mine in the Elk Valley.

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Subject: Request--Michel Coal Working Group Comments on Draft VC Selection Document

Dear Working Group Members,

As a next step in the pre-application stage of the Environmental Assessment (EA), we are distributing a draft Valued Components Selection document (VC document) produced by North Coal Ltd (North Coal) for your review and comments. The VC document sets out the primary focus of natural and human environment elements that will be studied and assessed in the EA, as well as general methodologies and study area boundaries. Information in the VC document will be used by North Coal to develop the Application Information Requirements (AIR) for their Application for an EA Certificate. We ask that you focus your comments on the VCs that have been selected and assess whether they are appropriate for assessing the values under your mandate, and that the boundaries for the assessment are appropriate to assess the specific VCs.

The EA process at this stage will be for the Ktunaxa Nation Council (KNC) and the Working Group to review North Coal's VC document and to provide comments to the EAO. After the EAO has received comments from KNC and the Working Group, a comment tracking table will be developed and the VC document will be revised by North Coal. Once the EAO is

satisfied with the VC document, and that issues within the scope of the VC document have been addressed, a 30 day public comment period will be held.

Please see the attached Word document for a list of things, including questions, to consider when reviewing the VC Selection Document.

You can find more information on VC selection in the, "*Guideline for the Selection of Components and Assessment of Potential Effects*" on the EAO website at:

The VC document is provided in Word to allow comments to be entered directly in the document if you choose to – please use track-changes to mark your comments or edits. Comments are also welcome by e-mail or Word document, but please be sure to include the location (Section, page number, etc.) in the VC document that your comments refer to.

Meetings and comment timelines

To support the review and final selection of the valued components and study areas we are proposing to hold in-person sub-committee **Working Group meetings on March 12 and 13 in Cranbrook**. The purpose of the meetings will be to go over key issues related to the selection of the VCs and study areas and to help inform your comments. I will be sending a separate meeting invitation to request a hold in your calendars for the meetings.

Prior to the March 12 and 13 meetings please review the VC document and identify key areas of importance that require clarification. If you feel like you would benefit from a discussion before meeting in March, 2019 we can arrange that.

Following the meetings we will request that you **provide final comments by March 29, 2019.** Please note that EAO will not close the discussion on the VCs immediately after March 29. We anticipate that there will be follow-up discussions after the Working Group receives the North Coal's responses to your comments.

Please provide your comments back to me, John and Julia by return e-mail.

If you have any questions or concerns about the timelines for review of the draft VC document, please don't hesitate to contact me. You may also contact John Antill, Project Assessment Manager and lead for this environmental assessment, by telephone at 778-974-2132, or by email at John.Antill@gov.bc.ca

Map Figures will be e-mailed separately to reduce e-mail size. We are also posting the document on the project Sharepoint Site.

Thank you,

Warm regards,

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