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Dear Ms. Waterman:

Thank you for your submission of the Project Description for the Tenas Coal Project dated November 2018. The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) understands from the Project Description that Telkwa Coal Limited proposes to construct and operate an open pit coal mine with an estimated production rate of 750,000 tonnes of clean coal per year located approximately 11 kilometers southwest of Telkwa, BC.

Section 10 Order

I have determined that the Tenas Coal Project (Project) constitutes a reviewable project under the Reviewable Projects Regulation. Because I consider that the Project has the potential for significant adverse effects, an environmental assessment (EA) must be undertaken and an EA certificate must be issued before Project may proceed. As a result, I have issued an Order regarding the Project under Section 10(1)(c) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act), dated November 6, 2018 (Section 10 Order).

The Section 10 Order formally stipulates that the Project must undergo an EA. Telkwa Coal Limited may not:

- (a) undertake or carry on any activity respecting the Project; or
- (b) construct, operate, modify, dismantle or abandon all or part of the Project except in accordance with an EA certificate. I have enclosed the Section 10 Order for your reference.

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Next Steps

As discussed at previous meetings, I encourage you to continue to proactively engage with Indigenous groups whose traditional territories overlap the Project. In the coming months, the EAO expects to issue an Order under Section 11 of the Act detailing how the EA process will be conducted (Section 11 Order). The Section 11 Order will outline the scope, procedures and methods for conducting the assessment, including specific requirements for First Nations consultation. Before the Section 11 Order is issued, and therefore becomes legally binding, the EAO will provide you with a draft for review and comment.

I look forward to meeting with you and your team in the coming weeks to discuss the next steps in the EA. You can also find guidance to proponents on the EA process on our website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments/guidance-documents>.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 250 371-3710 or Terry.Pratt@gov.bc.ca. You can also reach Matt Rodgers, Project Assessment Officer at 778 698-9319 or Matthew.Rodgers@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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