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Dear Ms. Waterman:

Please find enclosed an Order issued under Section 11 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* regarding Telkwa Coal Limited's (TCL) proposed Tenas Coal Project (Tenas Coal). This Order establishes the formal scope, procedures and methods concerning the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Tenas Coal. The Environmental Assessment Office (the EAO) has posted this Order on its website at [https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/document/5d12644f4692c0001a8fb09d/fetch/FINAL_s11_Order_20190620 .pdf](https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/document/5d12644f4692c0001a8fb09d/fetch/FINAL_s11_Order_20190620.pdf)

The next step in the EA process is to specify the valued components that must be assessed in TCL's Application for an EA Certificate (Application). These valued components are being reviewed by the Working Group and will inform TCL's draft Application Information Requirements (AIR). The draft AIR will be submitted to the EAO for review by the Working Group and Indigenous Nations. The EAO will also make the draft AIR available for a formal public comment period.

Prior to the formal public comment period, I will need to approve the content, format and publication schedule for the public comment period newspaper announcements. Once the public comment period concludes, the EAO will forward you the public comments it receives during the public comment period for your review and response. Following my review of the comments and your responses, I may ask you to revise the draft AIR and to submit it to the EAO.

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The EAO provides some funding to assist Indigenous Nations to participate in the EA process, particularly those aspects of the review where the EAO is engaged in direct discussion with Indigenous Nations.

The EAO encourages proponents to provide Indigenous Nations with additional capacity funding to participate in other aspects of the EA, such as engagement with the proponent during studies and information gathering. The EAO also encourages proponents to explore benefit sharing agreements with Indigenous Nations where the parties consider that to be in their mutual interest. The EAO will consider any information it receives regarding such agreements when assessing the impacts of Tenas Coal. However, such agreements are not considered pre-conditions to completion of the EA process or a decision by the responsible ministers.

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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