

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Tenas Project

Virtual Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

Telkwa Coal Limited (Proponent) proposes to construct and operate the Tenas Project (proposed Project), an open pit coal mine approximately 25 kilometres (km) south of Smithers and 7 km southwest of the Village of Telkwa in northwestern BC. The proposed Project would have an estimated production rate of 750,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal per year and an expected lifespan of 25 years.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* (2002).

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve the Application Information Requirements.

The Application Information Requirements will specify the studies to be conducted and the detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Application. The EAO has now received draft Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and invites comments on this draft.

In order to provide information about the Application Information Requirements, the EAO invites the public to attend one of the two following open houses. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated physical distancing and self isolation measures, these open houses will be held virtually.

on: Wednesday, June 17, 2020
from: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. PT

[Join the meeting](#)

on: Tuesday, June 23, 2020
from: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PT

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Hyperlinks to join the online meetings are above. Instructions and hyperlinks will also be found on the EAO's website project page (hyperlink provided below).

There are 45 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Application Information Requirements. The comment period will begin on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 8:00 am Pacific time (PT) and end on July 23, 2020 at midnight PT. All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Application Information Requirements will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, the EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

The EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://gov.bc.ca/eao>
- **By Mail:**
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Project Assessment Director
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-356-7477

The Application Information Requirements and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at <http://gov.bc.ca/eao>.

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be two additional comment periods during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to the EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO's website.



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