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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Abbreviation or Acronym	Long Form of Abbreviation or Acronym
AIR	Application Information Requirements
ARD	acid rock drainage
BC	British Columbia
BC EAO	British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office
C	Chapter
EA	environmental assessment
EAC	Environmental Assessment Certificate
EPIC	Electronic Project Information Centre
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
ML/ARDMP	Metal Leaching (ML)/Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) Management Plan (S13.0-C12)
MWMP	Minesite Water Management Plan (S13.0-C11)
PAMP	Public Access Management Plan (S13.0-C14)
PCP	Public Consultation Plan (Appendix 12.0-A)
Project	Tenas Project
RDBN	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
TCL	Telkwa Coal Limited
VC	Valued Component

UNITS OF MEASURE

Abbreviation or Acronym	Long Form of Abbreviation or Acronym
km	kilometre
PM _{2.5}	particulate matter with diameter equal to or less than 2.5 micrometre
PM ₁₀	particulate matter with diameter equal to or less than 10 micrometre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since February 2017, Telkwa Coal Limited (TCL) has engaged with community members and parties interested or potentially affected by the Project, either directly or indirectly. Public consultation on the Tenas Project (Project) was conducted to meet the requirements for consultation set out in the Section 11 Order, a procedural order issued by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) per the BC Public Consultation Policy Regulation, BC Reg. 373/2002 (Government of British Columbia [GovBC] 2002), and to allow for meaningful opportunities for the public and local communities to learn about and provide input on the Project in preparation for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) Application.

TCL has exceeded requirements by hosting three (3) open houses in addition to the two (2) BC EAO-led open houses to review the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR). TCL has also hosted three (3) Tenas Mine Neighbours meetings, although this is not a regulatory requirement. These activities provide further opportunity to share information and build relationships between TCL and the community.

A **Public Consultation Plan (Appendix 12.0-A)** (hereafter referred to as **PCP**) was prepared by TCL in accordance with the Section 11 Order to outline the approach, methods, and activities for consulting with the public and stakeholders with respect to the Project during the environmental assessment (EA) process. The **PCP** was developed using a phases approach to consultation to allow for consultation activities to occur throughout the environmental review process of the Project and over the lifetime of the Project. The four (4) phases for public consultation and engagement are:

1. Early Engagement Phase;
2. Pre-Application Phase;
3. Application Review Phase; and
4. Post-EAC Phase.

The **PCP** is a living document that will be updated over time as key Project milestones are achieved. At this time, TCL has not received any feedback on the **PCP**, and to date there have been no changes to the approved **PCP**. Per the Section 11 Order, TCL also created an Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Plan to describe past and future engagement activities.

For clarification, TCL will report on engagement activities with Indigenous groups separately, however, there is potential overlap between community and Indigenous engagement (i.e., there may be Indigenous attendance at open houses and other community and industry events TCL hosts or participates in). Refer to **Section (S) 11.0 Wet'suwet'en Rights and Interests Assessment** of the **EAC Application** for more information regarding Indigenous Consultation and Engagement.

Per the requirements of the Section 11 Order, TCL prepared and submitted the **Tenas Project Public Consultation Report (Appendix 12.0-B)**, within timelines established by the BC EAO, after the close of the public comment period on the dAIR in July 2020. The report provides results of implementation of the BC EAO approved **PCP** and is summarized in this section, including a summary of the key issues and concerns raised during public consultation, their status, and the appropriate section of the EAC Application in which the issue or concern is discussed. Key issues raised during public consultation were related to concerns regarding the potential effects of the Project on water, air quality, fish, atmospheric environment, wildlife, and access to the Project Area.

TCL is committed to creating and maintaining opportunities for constructive dialogue and relationships with the local community and other interested parties over all phases of the Project. TCL will implement the

future activities outlined in the **PCP**, including public review of the EAC Application and continued community engagement during different phases of the Project (Construction, Operation, Decommissioning and Reclamation, and Post-closure phases), as well as compliance and enforcement activities as needed.

1. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This section describes the results of implementation of the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) approved **Public Consultation Plan (Appendix 12.0-A)** (hereafter referred to as **PCP**).

1.1 Background Information

Public consultation on the Tenas Project (Project) was conducted to meet the requirements for consultation set out in the Section 11 Order, a procedural order issued by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) per the Public Consultation Policy Regulation, BC Reg. 373/2002 (Government of British Columbia [GovBC] 2002), and to allow for meaningful opportunities for the public and local communities to learn about and provide input on the Project.

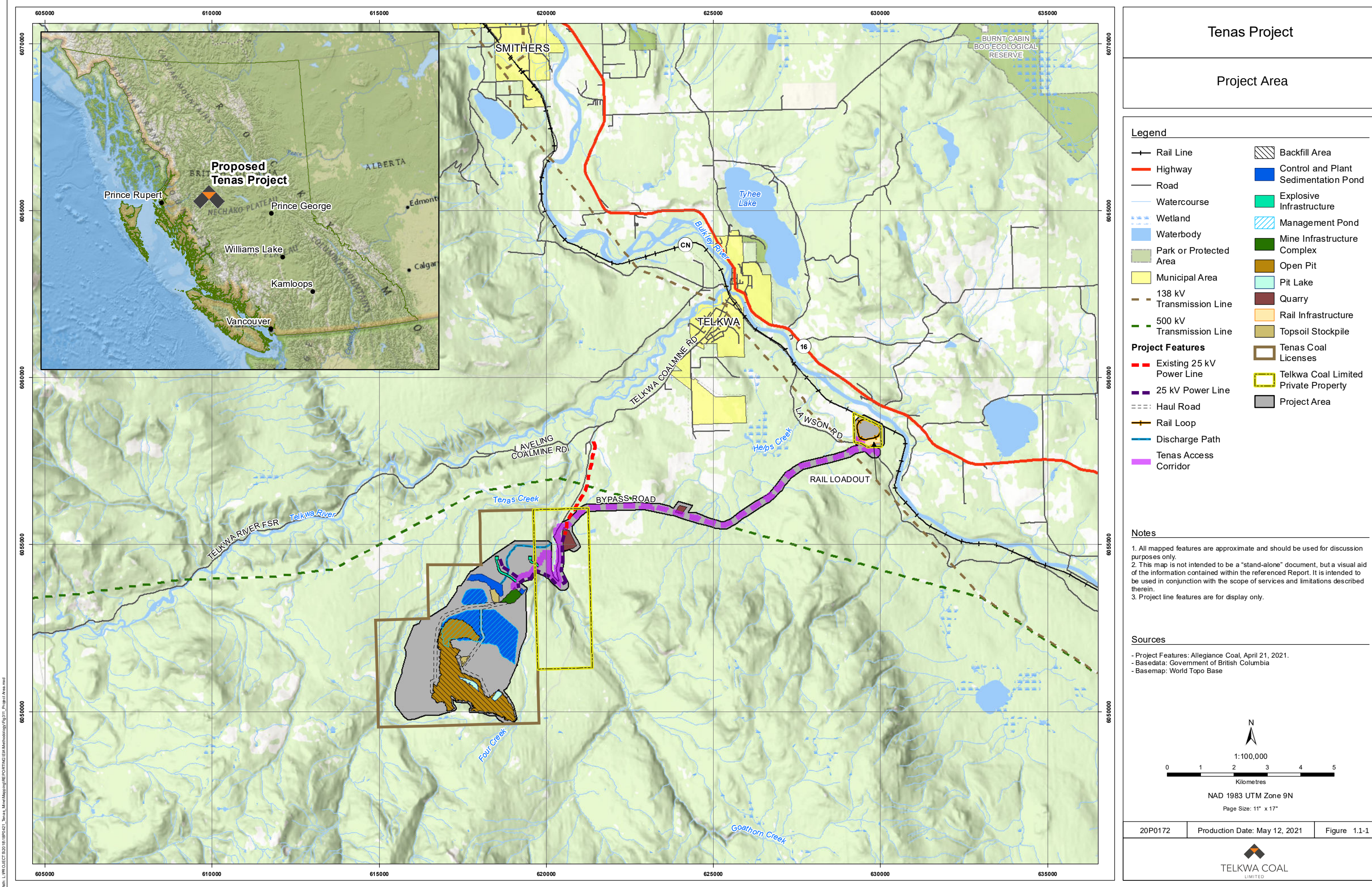
The Project is about 25 kilometres (km) south of the Town of Smithers and seven (7) km southwest of the village of Telkwa (**Figure 1.1-1**). The Project will be constructed on provincial Crown land, and private land held by Telkwa Coal Limited (TCL) (**Figure 1.1-2**). The Project is located outside of the municipal boundary of Telkwa and within Electoral Area A of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN), and within the traditional territory of the Wet'suwet'en. Figures illustrating various tenures in relation to the Project are provided in the **Land and Resource Use Valued Component (VC) Section (S) 6.0-Chapter (C) 4** of the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) Application.

The consultation area was identified to include local municipalities and the regional district (e.g., Village of Telkwa, Town of Smithers, District of Houston, and the Electoral Area A of the RDBN) (**Figure 1.1-2**), and residents and community interest groups of the Bulkley Valley.

TCL's **PCP** was designed to achieve the following:

- ▶ Engage in early, frequent, open, and candid communication to build strong relationships with interested parties, particularly those who may be potentially affected by the Project;
- ▶ Communicate information in a timely, consistent manner to local community members, regulators, and stakeholders throughout the Project to build awareness of the Project, including potential effects and proposed mitigation measures;
- ▶ Identify and understand Project issues and concerns, as well as ensuring responsive engagement regarding stakeholder interests;
- ▶ Create and facilitate opportunities for the community and stakeholders to provide meaningful input and feedback on the Project;
- ▶ Respond to comments received on the Project and documents related to the environmental assessment (EA) process using tracking tables and other documentation methods;
- ▶ Foster strong, collaborative, and long-term partnerships with regulators, community groups, and other stakeholders; and
- ▶ Gather input and feedback on the Project from the local community and stakeholders and ensure it is considered during Project planning.

Per the Section 11 Order, TCL also created an Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Plan to describe past and future engagement activities. Refer to **S11.0 Wet'suwet'en Rights and Interests Assessment** of the **EAC Application** for more information regarding Indigenous Consultation and Engagement.



1.2 Identifying Interested Parties

Since February 2017, TCL has engaged with community members and parties interested or potentially affected by the Project, either directly or indirectly. These parties were identified based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Input from local Project consultants, local and regional government officials, community interest groups, and individual residents of the Bulkley Valley;
- ▶ Interested parties previously consulted on similar Projects in the area; and
- ▶ Information gathered from local meetings, open houses, and information sessions.

The identified parties include: local and regional government; residents (e.g., residents of local communities); recreation groups (e.g., hikers, campers, hunters, and anglers); community interest groups; and those with commercial interests (e.g., forestry, trappers, and guide outfitters). A full list is provided in **Appendix 12.0-B Tenas Project Consultation Report** and is summarized in the following subsections.

TCL is committed to creating and maintaining opportunities for constructive dialogue and relationships with Indigenous groups to develop the Project responsibly. TCL is focused on working with Indigenous groups throughout all phases of the Project, from Project planning and development through the Post-closure Phase. TCL will report on engagement activities with Indigenous groups separately, however, there is potential overlap between community and Indigenous engagement (i.e., there may be Indigenous attendance at open houses and other community and industry events TCL hosts or participates in). Refer to **S11.0 Wet'suwet'en Rights and Interests Assessment** of the **EAC Application** for more information regarding Indigenous Consultation and Engagement.

1.2.1 Local and Regional Governments

Based on the location of the Project, the local and regional governments were identified for consultation and engagement activities. See **Table 1.2-1** below.

Table 1.2-1: Background on Local and Regional Government

Local and Regional Government	Background
Village of Telkwa	▪ The Village of Telkwa is located approximately seven (7) km northeast of the Project. Telkwa had a population of 1,327 in 2016, and its labour force is dominated by employment associated with trades and sales, with more than 80 % of residents travelling to Smithers or Houston for work. ▪ The governing council of Telkwa is comprised of a Mayor and four (4) Councillors. ▪ Key Project interests identified during early engagement activities include potential effects to water, dust, noise, traffic, housing, and economic impacts. TCL has engaged with the Village of Telkwa since the Spring 2017.
Town of Smithers	▪ The Town of Smithers is located 25 km north of the Project. Smithers had a population of 5,401 in 2016. ▪ The governing council of Smithers is comprised of a Mayor and six (6) Councillors. ▪ Key Project interests identified during early engagement activities include potential effects to water, noise, traffic, fish, and economic impacts. ▪ TCL has engaged with the Town of Smithers since spring 2018.

Local and Regional Government	Background
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RBDN)	▪ The RBDN is in northwest BC, spanning 73,419 km². The RBDN is situated in between Prince George and Prince Rupert, and includes seven Electoral Areas, representing the rural areas of Smithers (A), Burns Lake (B), Fort St. James (C), Fraser Lake (D), Francois/Ootsa (E), Vanderhoof (F), and Houston (G). The Project is located within RBDN Electoral Area A, the most populated Electoral Area in the RBDN with 5,256 people. Electoral Area A represents the rural areas surrounding Smithers and Telkwa. ▪ Key Project interests identified during early engagement activities include potential effects to water, noise, dust, vibration, and traffic. ▪ TCL has engaged with the RBDN since fall 2017 and maintains regular communications with the RBDN office.
District of Houston (Houston)	▪ The District of Houston is located approximately 40 km southeast of the Project. Houston had a population of 2,993 in 2016. ▪ The governing council of Houston is comprised of a Mayor and six (6) Councillors. ▪ TCL has engaged with the District of Houston since spring 2019.

Notes: %=percent; km=kilometres; km²=square kilometers Project=Tenas Project; TCL=Telkwa Coal Project

Outside of local and regional governments, TCL engaged has also engaged with two (2) government or government-related entities, Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance and Work BC, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Stikine, and the Member of Parliament for Skeena-Bulkley Valley.

1.2.2 Other Stakeholder Groups

In addition to the above-mentioned local and regional governments and elected officials, TCL has identified the following stakeholder groups as having an interest in or being potentially affected by the Project. These stakeholder groups have been engaged through various platforms including open houses, meetings, and email communications and include:

- ▶ **Local Community Stakeholders:** TCL has organized the local community into two (2) groups: the Tenas Mine Neighbours, and Bulkley Valley Residents. The Tenas Mine Neighbours consist of the 15 families with property and/or tenure in closest proximity to the Project. TCL felt it was important to create a neighbours' group to provide a dedicated forum for those with property and/or tenure in closest proximity to the Project, to receive Project information and ask questions, beyond the community open houses. Bulkley Valley Residents include those living in Village of Telkwa, Town of Smithers, and RBDN. TCL initiated engagement with the local community in Fall 2017. Conversations have taken multiple forms, including informal discussions and meetings, phone calls, letters, and emails. In addition to this engagement, TCL also hosted a community open house and a Tenas Mine Neighbours meeting within the early engagement phase;
- ▶ **Local Recreation Group Stakeholders:** include local commercial and non-commercial recreation groups such as: Back Country Horsemen of BC; Bulkley Valley Bowmen; Smithers Snowmobile Association; Upper Skeena Angling Guides Association (commercial); Guide Outfitters (commercial); Bulkley Valley Quad Riders, and the Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club. TCL began engaging with local recreation groups in spring 2017;
- ▶ **Local Community Group Stakeholders:** are local community interest groups such as the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board, Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition, Smithers Chamber of Commerce, Smithers Exploration Group, and Trout Creek Fish Hatchery TCL began engaging with local community interest groups in summer 2017;

- ▶ **Local Business Stakeholders:** there are a range of local businesses located in Smithers, Telkwa and Houston from industry, hospitality, service providers, retail and more. Many businesses have expressed an interest in learning more about how the Project could directly and indirectly affect the community as well as their operations. Many are also keen to understand what opportunities there are for their business and how they might be able to participate in the Project. To date, TCL has engaged with at least 19 local businesses. TCL began engaging with local business stakeholders in summer 2017 and will continue to engage with local businesses on the Project through public forums such as open houses as well as on contracting and procurement opportunities; and
- ▶ **Education Stakeholders:** include schools such as post-secondary institutions, training centres and organizations. There are seven (7) schools between Witset and Houston within School District 54 - Smithers and Houston each have one secondary school, and there are five (5) elementary schools located in each smaller community or neighbourhood. Coast Mountain College is a local community college that has a campus in Smithers as well as online access throughout the northern region. Since 2017, TCL has engaged with Smithers Secondary, Bulkley Valley Learning Centre, Coast Mountain College – Smithers Campus, and the Bulkley Valley Museum.

1.3 Preparation and Implementation of the Public Consultation Plan (PCP)

The **PCP** was prepared in accordance with the Section 11 Order to outline the approach, methods, and activities for consulting with the public and stakeholders with respect to the Project during the EA process. The Section 11 Order specified that TCL's public consultation process include:

- ▶ providing a **PCP** to the BC EAO, which outlines how TCL will undertake consultation with the public during the EA process;
- ▶ attending open houses as required by the BC EAO;
- ▶ responding to public comments received during a public comment period;
- ▶ providing Public Consultation Reports within timelines established by the BC EAO; and
- ▶ participation in additional public consultation activities as required by the BC EAO.

The **PCP** was developed using a phases approach to consultation to allow for consultation activities to occur throughout the environmental review process of the Project and over the lifetime of the Project. The **PCP** is a living document that will be updated over time as key Project milestones are achieved. An overview of TCL's phased approach to public consultation is presented in **Table 1.3-1**, and details are provided in the **PCP**. The approved **PCP** is also available on the BC EAO's EPIC website¹.

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https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/5d7bf27126583700218b983d/download/190913_TenasMine_PublicConsultationPlan_combined.pdf

Table 1.3-1: Overview of Telkwa Coal Limited (TCL)’s Phases Approach to Public Consultation and Engagement

Phase	Overview	Timing/Status
Early Engagement Phase	▪ The primary activities that occurred in the Early Engagement Phase are: ○ Early General Engagement Activities ○ Early Engagement Meetings ○ Open House ○ Tenas Mine Neighbours Group ○ Information Program	Early 2017 to issuance of Section 10 Order in 2018 Complete
Pre-Application Phase	▪ The primary activities that occurred in the Pre-Application Phase are: ○ Ongoing General Engagement Activities ○ Open Houses ○ Tenas Mine Neighbours Group Meetings ○ Information Program ○ Public Comment Period on the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR) ▪ Document Availability ▪ Response to Comments ○ Public Consultation Reports	November 2018 – December 2021 Complete
Application Review Phase	▪ The primary activities to occur in the application review phase are like those to be carried out during the Pre-Application Phase and include: ○ General Ongoing Engagement Activities ○ Open Houses ○ Tenas Mine Neighbours Group Meetings ○ Information Program ○ Public Comment Periods ▪ Document Availability ▪ Response to Comments ○ Public Consultation Reports	January 2022 – ongoing Current
Post-EAC Engagement Phase	▪ TCL is committed to creating and maintaining opportunities for constructive dialogue and relationships with the local community and other interested parties over the course of the Project. Should the Project be successful in receiving an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC), consultation and engagement post-EAC and prior to the Construction Phase of the Project and during the Operation Phase will include: ○ Open-Door Policy ○ General Engagement Meetings and Presentations ○ Company Website ○ Social Media ○ Site Tours ○ Participation at Community and Industry Events	Post-decision Future phase

1.3.1 Documentation of Consultation

TCL documents Project-related consultation and engagement activities to ensure that the consultation process is accurately captured in reports that are submitted to regulators and as part of the EA process. TCL records relevant communications made through phone calls, emails, letters, and meetings. Records include details on who was present, the date and location of the consultation activity, and the purpose and outcomes of the discussions. Comments and responses to comments are tracked by TCL via a tracking table.

1.3.2 Past Consultation Activities

TCL submitted a Public Consultation Report in September 2020, that documented TCL's consultation efforts from early 2017 to July 23, 2020, when the 45-day public comment period on the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR) ended. The **Tenas Project Public Consultation Report** was posted to the BC EAO's EPIC website² and is provided as **Appendix 12.0-B**. Consultation and engagement activities have been completed for the Early Engagement and Pre-Application phases and are summarized in **Table 1.3-2** below. To date there have been no changes to BC EAO-approved **PCP**. Additional details regarding consultation activities conducted during the Early Engagement and Pre-Application Phases are provided in **Appendix 12.0-B Tenas Project Public Consultation Report**.

²https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/6079ade55cbabe00229f593e/download/210415_TenasMine_PublicConsultationReport_Final_WithAppendixB.pdf

Table 1.3-2: Summary of Consultation Activities to Date

Activity	Date	Stakeholder/Group
Local, Regional Government, and Elected Officials Meetings		
Introductory meetings, Telkwa Project (Project) overview discussion	- April 10, 2017 - September 27-29, 2017 - November 8, 2017	Village of Telkwa
Introductory meetings, Project overview discussion	- September 28, 2017 - December 7, 2017	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN)
Meetings – discussion topics included industrial use permit, coal licence application, scope of the Project.	- February 1, 2018 - June 11, 2018	RDBN
Introductory meeting, Project overview discussion	May 1, 2018	Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) - Stikine
Formal presentation to Mayor and council	May 22 and June 11, 2018	Town of Smithers
Meetings – discussion topics included coal licence application, baseline studies, scope of the Project	June 18 and 21, 2018	Village of Telkwa
Local Community Meetings		
Meeting – creation of neighbours group	November 8, 2017	Tenas Mine Neighbours
Meetings – various topics including but not limited to general Project updates, Project components, employment opportunities, water quality, recreation, exploration program	- February 6, 2018 - March 13, 2018 - May 15, 2018 - July 25, 2018 - August 8, 2018 - September 10, 19, 20 and 28, 2018 - October 9-12, 19, 29-30, 2018 - November 7, 2018 - April 10, 2019 - November 6, 2019	Tenas Mine Neighbours
Meetings – various topics including, but not limited to Project overview and updates, regulatory process, open house, exploration program	- May 9, 10, 14-15, 17-18, 22-25, 2018 - June 4, 7, 11-12, 15, 18, 26, 2018 - August 17, 2018	Bulkley Valley Residents

Activity	Date	Stakeholder/Group
	October 18, 2018	
Local Recreation Groups Meetings		
Meeting – Project location and overview	September 27, 2017	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Meetings – various topics including enhancing Project Minesite, partnership agreement, site use agreement, Project trails	- March 12, 2018 - April 27, 2018 - September 27, 2018 - November 6, 2018	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Meetings, various topics discussed including, but not limited to Project overview, plans for future communication and community engagement strategy	- July 12 and 24, 2018 - September 27, 2018	Upper Skeena Angling Guides Association
Introductory meeting, Project overview discussion	September 27, 2018	Guide Outfitters
Introductory meeting, Project overview discussion	October 9, 2018	Bulkley Valley Bowmen
Introductory meeting, Project overview discussion, recreation use and trails	October 25, 2018	Smithers Snowmobile Association
Local Community Groups Meetings		
Meeting, various topics discussed including, but not limited to Project overview, feasibility studies, Indigenous engagement	- April 10, 2017 - September 27, 2017	Smithers Exploration Group
Meetings - Project overview and community relation strategies discussion	- April 26, 2018 - August 9, 2018	Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition
Meetings - Project overview, economic benefits to local community discussions	May 8 and 9, 2018	Smithers Chamber of Commerce
Meeting, various topics discussed including, but not limited to Project overview, regulatory process, mitigation measures, traffic, recreation, wildlife	June 18, 2018	Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board
Meeting	July 27, 2018	Trout Creek Fish Hatchery
Local Business Meetings		
Meetings, various topics discussed including, but not limited to Project overview and timeline, employment opportunities, regulatory process, biophysical environment, housing	- May 15, 2018 - July 14, 2018 - September 5, 7, 10, and 24, 2018 - October 9, 10, 18 and 25, 2018	Various
Education Meetings		

Activity	Date	Stakeholder/Group
Meetings, various topics discussed including, but not limited to Project overview, future opportunities for collaboration, opportunities for Indigenous training	- May 4, 2018 - September 21 and 25, 2018 - October 10, 2018	Various
Open Houses		
Telkwa Coal Limited (TCL) led open house #1	May 23, 2018	Various community members
TCL led open house #2	November 28, 2018	Various community members
TCL led open house #3	November 7, 2019	Various community members
British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) led open house on the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR)	June 17 and 23, 2020	Various community members

1.4 Changes to Public Consultation Plan (PCP)

The **PCP** outlines how the Project will meet the requirements for consultation set out in the Section 11 Order. The **PCP** details the approach, methods, and activities that TCL will implement to engage with the public on the Project by sharing Project information, collecting feedback and administer engagement opportunities. The **PCP** was submitted and accepted by the BC EAO in September 2019. As noted earlier, the **PCP** is a living document that will be updated over time as key Project milestones are achieved. At this time, TCL has not received any feedback on the **PCP**, and to date there have been no changes to the approved **PCP**.

1.5 Summary of Key Issues and Concerns Raised During Public Consultation

The key issues raised during public consultation were related to concerns regarding the potential effects of the Project on water, air quality, fish, atmospheric environment, wildlife, and access. **Table 1.5-1** summarizes the key issues and concerns raised by the public, TCL's response, and (if relevant) the appropriate section of the EAC Application in which the issue is discussed and measures to avoid, reduce or mitigate effects (if relevant) are presented.

Table 1.5-1: Summary of Key Issues Raised During Public Consultation and Telkwa Coal Limited's (TCL's) Responses

Key Issues	Status of the Issue and Summary of TCL's Response	Relevant Section of the EAC Application
Water: - Changes to water quality and quantity - Effects to other Intermediate Components (IC) / Valued Components (VCs) because of changes to water (i.e., human health, wildlife, fish and fish habitat, recreation, etc.) - Requests the re-categorisation of Surface Water and Groundwater from IC to VC	Resolved - Water quantity and quality are being evaluated with respect to the projected conditions and will consider a range of potential outcomes and water management strategies. Locations along Four, Tenas, and Goathorn Creeks, and Telkwa and Bulkley rivers are being modelled and evaluated. Discharge locations and timing will be subject to government requirements. - A water balance will be provided in the EAC Application that will detail expected water quality and quantity in surrounding watercourses, considering climate change, seasonal variations and water use by the Project. - We agree that water is a critical component. In response to feedback from the OW and the public during the review of the draft AIR, we are using VC only, even for pathway components.	- Surface Water VC (S4.0-C3) - Groundwater VC (S4.0-C4)
Fish and Fish Habitat: - Changes to fish and fish habitat, including a potential decrease to populations - Effects to other IC/VCS because of changes to fish (i.e., human health, wildlife, recreation, socio-economics etc.)	Resolved - We agree that steelhead and salmon species form a critical part of the fabric that binds and support the community in the Bulkley Valley; and that healthy and stable water quality and quantity are fundamental to healthy aquatic ecosystems. - We have invested many hours characterising fish habitat and identifying fish use of aquatic habitats within, adjacent to and downstream of the project to enable an assessment of the potential effects of the project on aquatic ecosystems and their inhabitants. - TCL's EAC Application incorporates detailed water quality and quantity modeling. The water management strategies are designed to minimize changes to downstream water quality.	- Surface Water VC (S4.0-C3) - Fish and Fish Habitat VC (S4.0-C5)
Climate Change: - Changes to climate change, including a potential increase in: - Green house gases - Unpredictable weather events - Drought - Negative, long term, global environmental effects	Resolved - We recognize the need to reduce emissions to help meet climate objectives. - The coal at the Tenas Deposit is used for producing steel. Steel is widely used in every facet of our modern society including infrastructure, transportation (electric vehicles), communications, and energy generation (wind turbines, solar panels). - Steel is essential for many green energy solutions that will help us address global climate change.	Atmospheric Environment VC (S4.0-C1)

Key Issues	Status of the Issue and Summary of TCL's Response	Relevant Section of the EAC Application
Dust: - Changes to air quality, leading to potential increase in: - Effects to other IC/VCS because of changes to water (i.e., human health, wildlife, vegetation, fish, and fish habitat etc.)	Resolved - Dust emitting sources will be evaluated, and potential effects of particulate matter (dust) including PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} will be assessed, and mitigation measures applied, if necessary. - Dust deposition data will be provided to the health team and other disciplines to assess potential effects on water, vegetation, and wildlife in the EAC Application.	Atmospheric Environment VC (S4.0-C1)
Wildlife: - Changes to wildlife, leading to potential decrease in: - Health and populations - Habitat quality and quantity - Effects Impacts to other IC/VCS because of changes to wildlife (i.e., human health, vegetation, fish and fish habitat, recreation etc.)	Resolved The assessment will look at both direct and indirect effects of the Project to wildlife, and will include extensive modeling for each subcomponent species, as well as mitigation measures and wildlife-specific management plans to minimize potential impacts to wildlife.	Wildlife VC (S4.0-C8)
Caribou: - Changes to caribou, leading to potential: - Decrease in health and populations - Decrease in habitat quality and quantity - Cumulative effects to wildlife due to industry	Resolved The caribou assessment will include consideration of existing and historical disturbances. The assessment will focus on a quantitative, science-based approach using 20 years of telemetry and mortality data from the current population. This assessment will provide analyses of Telkwa Caribou Herd (TCH) data including habitat disturbance, mortality, movement, and sensory disturbance.	Wildlife VC (S4.0-C8)
Potential ARD: - Changes to water quality, leading to potential: - Metal leaching creating elevated parameters - Acid rock drainage creating elevated pH - Effects to other IC/VCS because of changes to geochemistry (i.e., human health, fish and fish habitat, vegetation, wildlife etc.)	Resolved - The Project has an extensive geochemical dataset to enable the development of a detailed plan to manage ML/ARD. - The geochemical characterisation studies on this project are extensive with several programs and collection of hundreds of continuous samples from drill holes. These characterization studies have been used to develop a thorough understanding of where the PAG rock is located, so it can be segregated and managed appropriately. - The mine will operate according to the Metal Leaching (ML)/Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) Management Plan (S13.0-C12) (ML/ARDMP) that is being prepared as part of TCL's EAC Application.	- Surface Water VC (S4.0-C3) - Minesite Water Management Plan (S13.0-C11) (MWMP) - ML/ARDMP

Key Issues	Status of the Issue and Summary of TCL's Response	Relevant Section of the EAC Application
Access to Recreation: ▪ Changes to land use, leading to potential: ○ Reduced outdoor recreation opportunities ○ Limited access to recreation sites beyond the Project	Resolved ▪ A Public Access Management Plan (S13.0-C14) (PAMP) will be presented in the EAC Application subject to government requirements. ▪ Requirements are set by the provincial government in the regulatory process. We support continued access to recreational opportunities and will collaborate with local stakeholders to minimize potential impacts and maintain controlled and specified access plans, in line with government land use requirements.	▪ Land and Resource Use VC (S6.0-C4) ▪ PAMP

Notes: AIR=Application Information Requirements; ARD=Acid Rock Drainage; C=Chapter; EAC=Environmental Assessment Application; IC=Intermediate Components; ML=Metal Leaching; OW=Office of the Wet'suwet'en; PAG=potentially acid generating; PM_{2.5}=particulate matter with diameter equal to or less than 2.5 micrometre; PM₁₀=particulate matter with diameter equal to or less than 10 micrometre; S=Section; TCL=Telkwa Coal Limited; VC=Valued Component

1.6 Planned Consultation Activities

TCL is committed to creating and maintaining opportunities for constructive dialogue and relationships with the local community and other interested parties over the course of the Project. TCL will implement the future activities outlined in the **PCP**, including public review of the EAC Application and continued community engagement during different phases of the Project (Construction, Operation, Decommissioning and Reclamation, and Post-closure phases), as well as compliance and enforcement activities as needed.

Should the Project be successful in receiving an EAC, consultation and engagement post-EAC and prior to construction of the Project and during the Operation Phase will include:

- ▶ **Open-Door Policy** – TCL will maintain its open-door policy at our local Telkwa office. Community members will continue to be encouraged to stop by the office to speak with team members (including the CEO), as well as view open house poster boards that are on display and other information materials;
- ▶ **General Engagement Meetings and Presentations** – TCL is committed to continuous engagement with interested parties via in-person meetings, telephone calls, and emails to share Project information and ask Project-related questions;
- ▶ **Company Website** – Project updates and communication materials relevant to engagement will continue to be posted on a company website.
- ▶ **Social Media** – TCL will continue to post to the Project social media accounts relevant Project information and updates, community events, communication, and information materials;
- ▶ **Site Tours** – TCL may hold additional site tours for interested parties who wish to view key areas of where site development will occur; and
- ▶ **Participation at Community and Industry Events** – TCL may participate or host local community or industry events, as appropriate, such as the Telkwa BBQ.

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