



October 21, 2022

Matt Rodgers
Project Assessment Director
Environmental Assessment Office
Government of BC

**RE: TENAS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TRANSITION TO
2018 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT**

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

As per the letter from the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to pause the environmental assessment (EA) review process to provide sufficient time for both the Wet'suwet'en and Telkwa Coal to gather and share the necessary information on the potential effects of the Tenas Project on the rights and title of the Wet'suwet'en, Telkwa Coal is requesting that the environmental review process currently progressing under the 2002 *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act) be transitioned to the 2018 Act at the completion of the 180-day process on November 8, 2022 or at an alternate date provided by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

This transition requires Telkwa Coal to rescind our letter to the EAO dated March 4, 2022, stating our preference for the Tenas Project EA to remain under the 2002 Act. Early in 2022, Telkwa Coal had hoped to have the EA for the Tenas Project completed by the mandatory end date of December 16, 2022, however several items during this past year have occurred which have made this timeline no longer the preferred course of action which were:

- ▶ Undertaking of acquiring additional of data from interviews and surveys of Wet'suwet'en specific to land use, socio-economic aspects, and value components;
- ▶ Resolution of information requests related to caribou from Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Ministry of Land, Water, and Resource Stewardship; and
- ▶ Resolution of information requests from Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation related to water quality and the water balance model.

Sincerely Yours,

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