

Environmental Assessment of the Bingay Main Coal Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

Centermount Coal Ltd (Proponent) is proposing to develop the Bingay Main Coal Project, located approximately 21 kilometres north of Elkford, BC (Project). The Project would be an open pit coal mine with a production capacity of 1 million tonnes per year.

The Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* (2002) and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (2012). The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the Project. However, prior to submission of an environmental assessment certificate application by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve the Application Information Requirements.

Key to the Application Information Requirements is the identification of Valued Components to be studied and the areas within which the studies would occur. Valued Components are the environmental, economic, social, heritage, and health components that may experience potential effects as a result of the Project. The selected Valued Components are presented in the draft Valued Components Selection Document which the Proponent has prepared and EAO invites the public to submit comments on.

In order to provide information about the Valued Components Selection Document, environmental assessment process and the Project, EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**:

at: **Elkford Community Conference Centre
(Teck Hall)
750 Fording Drive, Elkford, BC**
on: **November 15th, 2017**
between: **4:30 pm and 8:30 pm**

EAO and the Proponent will be present to provide information and respond to questions about the Project at the Open House.

There are 32 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Valued Components Selection Document. The comment period will begin on **November 2nd, 2017** and end on **December 4th, 2017**.

All comments received during this comment period in relation to the draft Valued Components Selection Document will be considered.

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

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the 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 Valued Components Selection Document will be finalized and included in the Application Information Requirements.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/pcp/index.html>

- **By Mail:**
Teresa Morris
Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the draft Valued Components Selection Document and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the draft Valued Components Selection Document are also available for viewing at these locations:

Centermount Coal Office
808 Michel Road, Elkford, BC

Elkford Public Library
816 Michel Road, Elkford, BC

Sparwood Public Library
110 Pine Avenue, Sparwood, BC

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

