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Via email

Grassy Mountain Coal Project Joint Review Panel
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Re: Application for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project (“Project”) AER Application No. 1902073, CEAA Reference No. 80101: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Alex Bolton

With respect to the project for the project known as Grassy Mountain Coal Project received by the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”) Region 3 Consultation Office (“RCO”), the Regional Consultation Committee (“RCC”) has reviewed the project and made the following determination(s):

Based on the final review by the RCC, the proposed project as described in the Notification:

- is unlikely to have negative or adverse impacts on the aboriginal rights, claims, and interests, or the historical and contemporary practices related thereto, of the Métis Nation within Alberta and its citizens. Accordingly, the **RCC HAS NO OUTSTANDING CONCERNS** with respect to the project proceeding as detailed in the past Notifications.
- may have negative or adverse impacts on the aboriginal rights, claims, and interests, or the historical and contemporary practices related thereto, of the Métis Nation within Alberta and its citizens. Those concerns were communicated to Benga Mining Ltd. and have been subsequently mitigated or accommodated to the satisfaction of the RCC. Accordingly, the **RCC HAS NO OUTSTANDING CONCERNS** with respect to the project proceeding as detailed in the past Notifications.

- will have specific and identifiable negative or adverse impacts on the aboriginal rights, claims, and interests, or the historical and contemporary practices related thereto, of the Métis Nation within Alberta and its citizens. Those concerns were detailed in the RCC Notice of Objection with respect to this project and communicated to your organization and the associated regulator. Those concerns have been subsequently mitigated or accommodated to the satisfaction of the RCC. Accordingly, the **RCC HAS NO OUTSTANDING CONCERNS** with respect to the project proceeding as detailed in the past Notifications.

- will have specific and identifiable negative or adverse impacts on the aboriginal rights, claims, and interests, or the historical and contemporary practices related thereto, of the Métis Nation within Alberta and its citizens. Those concerns were detailed in the RCC Notice of Objection with respect to this project and communicated to your organization and the associated regulator. Those concerns have still not been mitigated or accommodated to the satisfaction of the RCC. Accordingly, the **RCC OBJECTS TO THE PROJECT PROCEEDING** and has directed the RCO to engage legal counsel in order to protect the interests of the Métis Nation with respect to the project.

Moving forward MNA Region 3 would like to support the upcoming Project and if a hearing should occur as decided by the JRP the MNA Region 3 would like to be included and participate. Thank you for engaging with the MNA as part of your engagement and consultation process. The staff in the RCO look forward to working with you to achieve mutual success by offering a standardized and streamlined consultation process through the MNA single point of access.

Where additional meetings are required with respect to this project, they may be scheduled by contacting the respective RCO(s). To assist you in that regard, the RCO Contact List is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Nicole Shepherd
Region 3 Consultation Coordinator
Métis Nation of Alberta

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/for

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