



Grande Cache Coal Corporation

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Attention: Mr. Chris Wearmouth
Conservation Specialist

Dear Mr. Wearmouth:

**RE: Grande Cache Coal Corporation
No. 8 Mine Application
Letter of Transmittal**

Attached for your information please find a compact disc containing an application and supporting technical information for Grande Cache Coal Corporation's (GCC's) proposed No. 8 surface coal mine. The document has been filed with Alberta Environment and the Energy Resources Conservation Board in accordance with application requirements for amendment of GCC's Mine Permit, Mine Licence, amendment of GCC's EPEA Approval, and Water Act approval.

The proposed mine is located about 18 km north of the town of Grande Cache. The mine will start on the slopes above the Smoky River and Highway 40, near the GCC coal processing plant, and will progress across the divide into the Sheep Creek valley. The proposed surface mine will operate at GCC's current production levels and sustain employment in the community for another 10 years.

The mine is the logical progression for the recovery of an economic coal resource and completion of an earlier No. 8 Mine that was successfully reclaimed and certified by a previous operator. The majority of the proposed mine will affect previously undisturbed terrain; however, it is located within the Highway 40 development corridor and the boundaries of the traditional Smoky River Coalfield.

The area is categorized appropriately for surface mining under Alberta's Coal Policy. The No. 8 Mine will feature progressive reclamation to wildlife habitat, drawing upon reclamation experience and research in the Smoky River Coalfield. Environmental and land use issues that require particular attention to mitigation include those of montane

vegetation, wildlife habitat, visual resources, and public traffic. As the application indicates, GCC has engaged Professional Biologists and other professionals in their areas of expertise to address the full range of environmental issues associated with the proposed No. 8 Mine.

We welcome your review and comments. If you require more information, please contact me at (403) 543-7030.

Yours truly,



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