



Coal Valley Mine – Robb Trend Project

**Public Engagement Program Update
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Introduction

A request was made to Ross Van Bostelen, Manager, Robb Trend Project in a letter dated December 9, 2014 from Brett Maracle, Panel Manager, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, requesting project information in support of the upcoming Panel Review of the proposed Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project. Mr Maracle stated:

“We require the following supplemental information to provide for appropriate and complete information upon appointment of the review panel to ensure an efficient and timely process. We also request that all information provided in response to this Information Request is information specifically and directly related to the Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project rather than the existing Coal Valley Mine.”

Among the items noted for supplemental information, the following update request was included:

Public Engagement

1. *Provide an update of engagement measures undertaken with public groups or individuals who have expressed an interest in the Project, since the time of completion of the latest submission included in the SIR 3 response dated April 1, 2014 that includes:*
 - a) *a description of any updated engagement activities or current information provided by the public;*
 - b) *a description of how the Project as proposed has accommodated the concerns raised including an identification of specific mitigation measures which may address the stated concern; and*
 - c) *a consideration of whether a follow-up program is required.*

This report provides a brief overview of the public engagement plan, a summary of the activities outlined in the Robb Trend Project Supplemental Information Request (SIR) 3 dated April 1, 2014 as well as public engagement activities that have occurred since.

Robb Trend Project - Public Engagement Plan

In June 2010 a strategy and plan for public engagement was prepared for review by the Robb Trend Project Manager's review and endorsement. There were four phases, that included:

- planning, design and program development,
- notification, awareness, engagement,
- ongoing issue identification and resolution and
- application preparation and regulatory submission.

Public engagement is ongoing as the application is under review. Each of the four phases were iterative and overlapping, with a contact list and record of individual contacts and follow-up made throughout the application process and beyond. The four public engagement phases are summarized below:

Phase One: Planning, Design and Program Development

This phase established the “game plan” for public Involvement throughout the Robb Trend expansion application preparation process.

Objectives

- Establish an acceptable, corporately-endorsed approach to public Involvement.
- Develop and implement an approach to notify key stakeholders of the proposed expansion application.

Activities and Products:

- Confirm and discuss approach with CVRI / CVM Project Manager
- Project public involvement terms of reference prepared to guide public engagement
- Confirmation of company commitments
- Develop/confirm a project stakeholder contact list
- Initial contact with key stakeholders
- Establish a CVRI CVM community liaison office in Robb

Estimated schedule:

Started in late in 2nd quarter 2010 and completed 3rd quarter 2010

Phase Two: Notification, Awareness, and Identification and Confirmation of Issues

Objectives

- Identify key community and public interest groups and individuals.
- Encourage participation of community and public groups and individuals who may have an interest in the project.
- Provide adequate information to people for stakeholders to learn about the project and weigh the advantages and disadvantages.
- Identify and understand the mine development concerns and issues of various stakeholders/communities of interest.
- Obtain information from the public and stakeholders that will assist in project decision making.

Activities and Products

- Newsletter preparation and distribution
- Two Open houses (Robb and Edson)
- Support (materials / coordination / advice / evaluation) for community liaison office

Schedule: Initiate 3rd and 4th quarters 2010 and completed 1st Quarter 2011

Phase Three: Ongoing Public Involvement and Issue Resolution

Objectives

- Ensure public concerns are addressed.
- Ensure public involvement needs identified in the EIA Terms of Reference are addressed throughout the EIA data collection and reporting process
- Enhance public understanding of the proposed mine expansion, foster support as a result of a credible and consistent public involvement process (including making and keeping commitments).
- Obtain information from the public that will assist in project decision making.

Activities and Products

- Coordination for follow-up, meetings, open houses, contacts / record keeping, compiling/reporting results
- Support (materials / coordination / advice / evaluation) for community liaison office
- Newsletter preparation and distribution

Schedule: Started 1st and 2nd Quarters 2011 and completed 3rd Quarter 2011

Phase Four: Application Preparation and Submission and Ongoing Engagement

Objectives

- Ensure public needs and issues identified are responded to by CVRI CVM project representatives.
- Ensure the public involvement needs identified in the EIA Terms of Reference are addressed throughout the EIA data collection and reporting process
- Enhance public understanding of the proposed mine extension¹, foster support as a result of a credible and consistent public involvement process, including a record of making and keeping project related commitments.
- Obtain information from the public that will assist in project decision-making and ongoing negotiation with specific stakeholders as needed.

Activities and Products

- Newsletter preparation and distribution
- Open houses / Store Front Drop in opportunities (Robb)
- Prepare Public Engagement Component of EIA
- Ongoing public engagement and negotiation, as required, while the Robb Trend Project Application is under regulatory review

Schedule: Started when the Robb Trend Project Application was submitted in April 2012 and has been continuing while the regulatory review process is underway

SIR 3 Highlights

SIR 3 included an update on the Robb Trend Project public engagement activities since the submission of the Project application. The public engagement activities following the submission of the application in April 2012 focused on specific interests and need that had emerged during phases 2, 3 and 4 of the public engagement plan. A copy of SIR 3 is attached as appendix 1.

During the summer and autumn 2013 a public engagement program was designed with the intent of providing people from the community and region with opportunities to learn about and speak with Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) representatives. The Robb Trend Project application and environmental assessment (EA) that were under review by Alberta Provincial energy and environmental regulators were the focus of public “drop in” opportunities throughout the summer. They were held on scheduled weekend days at the Robb Trend Project Office in Robb, AB.

The public engagement program took place over July and August 2013, culminating in an information session and open house event on September 7, 2013. Geographically, the focus was centered on Robb, Alberta. These summer and autumn initiatives are part of CVRI’s ongoing commitment to public engagement and consultation with Aboriginal Communities. This is consistent with the *Robb Trend Project Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program Guidelines, Objectives and Principles* (July 2010) and the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (EA – TOR) approved by Alberta Environment (AENV, the name of the Ministry at the time) in August 2011.

The program was supported by:

- A Project Newsletter
- Community drop in “store front” events at the Robb Project Community Office in Robb, AB on selected dates in July and August 2013

¹ Referred to as “Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project” in the letter to R. Van Bostelen, Robb Trend Project Manager from B. Maracle, Panel Manager, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, December 9, 2014.

- A Robb Trend Project information session and open house held on September 7, 2013 at the Robb, AB Community Centre.

Established and Ongoing Community Engagement

Robb Hamlet Preservation Association (RHPA)

Since 2011 CVRI Robb Trend Project Leaders have been engaged with the Robb Hamlet Preservation Association (RHPA). The RHPA was formed by a group of Robb residents concerned about the potential encroachment of resource development – forestry, oil and gas, mining – on the Hamlet of Robb. Membership is open to any Robb resident. There have been regular meetings and communication with the RHPA Board of Directors through the direct participation of the Robb Trend Project Manager.

There have been 10 meetings with the RHPA Board to date and another one planned for late February or early March 2015. Since February 2014 the RHPA Board, on behalf of their members, and representatives of Westmoreland Coal Company, CVRI CVM, Robb Trend Project, have been working diligently on the preparation of a Community Agreement that will address interests and needs related to long term community sustainability, well being and quality of life during and following mining until the reclaimed lands are returned to public use. There have also been discussions and information exchange on surface water, ground water, vibration, noise from blasting at Pit 29. Any interests, needs or issues identified through the RHPA continue to be received assessed and reported for discussion to be addressed and mitigated where possible.

Meetings and negotiation with the RHPA were planned to continue until a regulatory decision is made on the application and EA. Following that a Community Advisory Committee (Robb CAC), with selected RHPA Board members to be nominated by the Board with additional community representatives, has been proposed to advise on the concept and the draft terms of reference (TOR). This was also to include, following agreement on a Robb CAC, provision of ongoing advice on community policy development (e.g. residential water well monitoring and mitigation; noise monitoring and management; land use and public access) as mining progresses and reclamation is completed.

In January 2015 Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Alberta Energy Regulator (CEAA / AER) held public information sessions to provide information and receive comments on a draft agreement and terms of reference for a Joint (Federal-Provincial) Panel review process for the Robb Trend Project. Members of the Robb Trend Project team attended the information sessions to supplement the efforts of CEAA / AER by providing Project specific information and updates should participants request it. During the information sessions Robb Trend Project leaders became aware of wider community concerns with the representation of community interests through the RHPA indicating that the broader Robb residential community was being ignored. There was also a letter from Yellowhead County expressing concern that there may be a gap in engaging the municipal government in the process to ensure that it was legitimate from a municipal governance perspective. Westmoreland Coal Company and Robb Trend Project representatives will be engaging with those who expressed concern about involvement of the wider Robb Community and municipal leaders to resolve the interests, needs and concerns identified and continue with the preparation of a Robb Hamlet Community agreement.

Tourmaline Oil Corp.

Discussion on the Robb Trend Project began between Sherritt Coal and Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline) staff in late 2011. Tourmaline filed a statement of concern for the Robb Trend Project in July 2012, stating

"Tourmaline Oil Corp. has significant oil and gas rights in the lands overlapping the proposed Coal Valley Robb Trend Mine Project. Since we have equal rights in terms of surface access, the operations of the mine cannot exclude Tourmaline's rights to access their resources."

The letter acknowledged that "Tourmaline and CVRI representatives continue to meet, but have not reached terms on an area wide agreement that would outline the terms by which both companies can maximize the extraction and production of their resources. Until such an agreement is signed, Tourmaline will not remove their objection to this proposed mine."

Discussions have continued with Westmoreland Coal Company. The interests and issues related to Tourmaline's operation have included potential impacts on their oil and gas exploration and production activities in the vicinity of the Robb Trend Project. This has also included ensuring, where possible, locating the Project surface transportation corridors to include existing and proposed pipelines.

Between March 21 and May 23, 2014 representatives from Westmoreland Coal Company worked with representatives of Tourmaline to draft a mutually agreeable letter of consent for installation of a pipeline by Tourmaline over the coal rights held by Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI). The letter, if accepted by both parties would also be a substantial contribution to addressing and thereby removing a Statement of Concern filed by Tourmaline in response to the regulatory application submitted for the Robb Trend Project

Westmoreland Coal Company and Tourmaline staff are continuing to meet to reach a mutual agreement regarding access, facilities and developments that are compatible with both the Robb Trend Project and oil and gas development needs for exploration, production and transportation.

Trout Unlimited Canada

On July 10, 2012 the Robb Trend Project Manager contacted the Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC), Provincial Biologist, who sent a letter (undated) to the ERCB identifying 11 specific areas of interest, need or concern within the proposed reclamation plan (Section F) of the EIA for the Robb Trend Project. ERCB representative who sent the copy of TUC letter to the Robb Trend Project Manager noted that this would be included as a project statement of concern (SOC).

A meeting was arranged by the Robb Trend Project Manager and members of the Robb Trend Project Team (fisheries biologist and application coordinator who is also a regulatory process advisor) with the Trout Unlimited provincial biologist. The meeting in Calgary on July 31, 2012 focused on the TU Statement of Concern in relation to the Robb Trend Mine Project application. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Discussion of the Statement of Concern letter that had been provided in response to the Robb Trend Project mine application.
- TU concerns about impact on fisheries in Robb Trend area, requesting no impact the Erith River at all since TU views it as important to the fish population in the area.
- TU representatives were interested in the CVRI responses to their questions provided by Robb Trend Project representatives.
- Regardless of the responses, TU would still be on record as having concerns about impacts.
- There may be room for CVRI to move to reduced impacts through more mitigation that would satisfy some of the concerns raised.
- AESRD, Fish and Wildlife Division is an important participant in CVRI addressing the fisheries issues as is the Athabasca Rainbow Recovery Committee (although TU representatives did not know the name of the 'coal industry' representative).
- Chances of addressing all of the the SOC concerns at the application stage may be low but CVRI could likely address any outstanding issues at the licensing stage.
- Response to the TU letter would be put together at same time as SIR responses to the regulators.

Following the meeting with TUC a detailed response was provided from the Robb Trend Project Manager in a letter, dated January 23, 2013 to TUC Canada. Contact for additional follow-up was attempted at various times during 2013 with no response. Contact with TUC was successfully made in 2015 with the for TUC, Provincial Biologist (the Provincial Biologist who was originally contacted had left TUC). A commitment was made to continue to inform TUC through their Provincial Biologist of mining activities that may relate to the concerns identified in the SOC, from the meeting in July 2013 or, that may emerge as the Robb Trend Project progresses.

Participation In the CEAA / AER Joint Review Panel Information Sessions

On December 5, 2014, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) invited the public to participate in a review of the proposed agreement and terms of reference for the establishment of a Joint Panel to conduct an environmental assessment. The notice provided on the CEAA website (<http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm?document=100601>) states:

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency invites the public to comment on the draft Agreement to establish a joint review panel with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for the environmental assessment of the proposed Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion project in Alberta. The Agency and the AER will be holding information sessions in the project area.

The Agency has developed an Agreement with the AER for the conduct of the environmental assessment. The Agreement establishes the mandate and authority of the joint panel and its composition, as well as the procedures and timelines for the review.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft Agreement in either official language to the Agency by January 20, 2015. After taking these comments into consideration, the Agreement will be finalized and made public.

As part of the CEAA / AER public engagement Information Sessions in support of the Joint Panel Review process were held in Alberta at four locations during January 13 to January 16, 2015.

Westmoreland Coal Company, Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) Robb Trend Project representatives were allowed to attend each of 4 information sessions sponsored by CEAA to provide public participants with the opportunity to get additional, Robb Trend Project application information.

There were 72 people who attended the 4 information sessions held in Hinton, Edson, Robb and Edmonton, AB. All of the people who attended made contact with the Robb Trend Project team members who attended each event. Consistent with responses received during the public engagement program during Robb Trend Project application presentation and the ongoing engagement that followed 14 project specific interests, needs and issues were identified. People provided the Project Team members with comments and questions in the areas of Access, Surface and Ground Water, Coal Valley Mine Current Operations, Hamlet of Robb Potential Impact, Fisheries and Return of Crown Land Following Reclamation.

A summary report from the 4 CEAA / AER Information Sessions was completed for use by the Robb Trend Project team in preparation for the Joint Review Panel process. The report, CEAA / AER Information Sessions – January 2015: Westmoreland Coal Company Coal Valley Resources Inc. Robb Trend Project - Participation In the CEAA / AER Joint Review Panel Information Sessions - Summary of Results is attached as appendix 2.

Appendix 1: Public Engagement Program – Summer / Autumn 2013 Response for SIR3



Coal Valley Mine – Robb Trend Project

Public Engagement Program – Summer / Autumn 2013 Response for SIR3

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Introduction

The summer and autumn 2013 public engagement program was designed with the intent of providing people from the community and region with opportunities to learn about and speak with Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) representatives on the Robb Trend Project application and environmental assessment (EA) that will soon be deemed complete by Alberta Provincial energy and environmental regulators.

The public engagement program took place over July and August 2013, culminating in an information session and open house event on September 7, 2013. Geographically, the focus was centered on Robb, Alberta. This summer and autumn initiative is part of CVRI's ongoing commitment to public engagement and consultation with Aboriginal Communities as outlined in *Robb Trend Project Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program Guidelines, Objectives and Principles* (July 2010) and consistent with the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (EA – TOR) approved by Alberta Environment (AENV) in August 2011.

The program was supported by:

- A Project Newsletter (attached)
- Community drop in “store front” events at the Robb Project Community Office in Robb, AB on selected dates in July and August 2013 (report attached)
- A Robb Trend Project information session and open house proposed held on September 7, 2013 at the Robb, AB Community Centre.

This summary provides a purpose statement, description, schedule and status along with a description of ongoing public engagement activities for the Robb Trend Project.

The information made available to support mutual learning and comment during the summer and autumn 2013 public engagement program included:

- Update and Status on the Robb Trend Project EA and application.
- Project Interests, Needs and Concerns that have been identified, included in the application and environmental assessment and company response or mitigation proposals.
- Regulatory Process and anticipated review and approval schedule.
- Proposed Access Options for Mining – selection of transportation corridors, mining sequence and anticipated timing.
- Proposed Public Engagement and Aboriginal Consultation Process and Program including continued opportunities to participate during Robb Trend Project application and EA review following regulatory completeness.

Engagement Methods and Summary of Results

- **Project Newsletter**

Purposes:

- Provide an update on the status of the Robb Trend Project Application and EA.
- Present opportunities for participation in the Project public engagement program during the course of the summer and autumn 2013.
- Identify the next steps in the public engagement process as final regulatory review is completed.

Summary:

The newsletter included a description and map location of the proposed Robb Trend Project along with the anticipated schedule for project application and EA review and, should project approval be granted, the estimated initial construction schedule and start of operation.

Opportunities for engagement, Drop In Sessions during July and August 2013 along with an Information Session and Open House, September 7, 2013, were described. Information was provided to anyone who wished further information about the project or wanted to follow-up directly with Robb Trend Project Leaders.

The newsletter was distributed by mail and email, depending on the preference of people on the Robb Trend contact list, to 535 people (176 went out by email; 359 by Canada Post). Newsletter distribution was started on July 18 and completed July 22, 2013.

- **Drop In Sessions**

Purposes – To:

- Provide engagement opportunities for all interested people and in particular, Robb residents who are second home (i.e. “cottage”) owners.
- Maintain a CVRI / CVM profile and links to the community by putting a “face” on the CVRI / CVM representatives.
- Provide an update on the status of the Robb Trend Project including mine planning and sequencing, technical requirements, regulatory approval status, anticipated project schedule, company contact information and follow-up opportunities.
- Provide an opportunity for people to learn about the Robb Trend Project application and EA including responses to previous needs, interests and issues identified during the public engagement process.
- Provide information on the regulatory decision process, schedule and any follow-up contact as required.

Summary:

Three “drop in” sessions were provided at the Robb Trend Project Community Office in Robb, Alberta as part of the engagement plan. A total of 16 people attended the three Drop In Sessions held on July 27, August 10 and August 27, 2013. Each session was available to people from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Notification of the drop in session opportunity was included in a Robb Trend summer 2013 newsletter. Notices were also placed in the community of Robb at the public bulletin board near the fire hall and adjacent to the postal boxes at the Robb Community centre. On the day of each event along with a temporary sign on the entrance road to the Robb Project Community Office to draw people’s attention and welcome them.

Two Robb Trend Project Team leaders and a facilitator supported each Drop In session. The Robb Trend Project environmental impact assessment report and application documents were made available both in hard and soft copies along with project highlight information.

Interests, needs and concerns were identified for *Access, Ground and Surface Water, Air Quality, mining schedule, Hamlet of Robb Potential Impacts, Current Coal Valley Mine Operations.*

▪ Information Session and Open House

Purposes – To:

- Maintain a CVRI / CVM profile and links to the community by putting a “face” on the CVRI / CVM representatives.
- Provide an update on the status of the Robb Trend Project including mine planning and sequencing, technical requirements, regulatory approval status, anticipated project schedule, company contact information and follow-up opportunities.
- Provide an opportunity for people to learn about the Robb Trend Project application and EA including responses to previous needs, interests and issues identified during the public engagement process.
- Provide information on the regulatory decision process, schedule and any follow-up contact as required.
- Demonstrate good practice at the Coal Valley Mine, and by extension the proposed Robb Trend Project, by providing participants an opportunity to visit, view and have an opportunity to learn about the operation of a surface water management facility.

Summary:

The current CVRI CVM Robb Trend Project contact list was used to notify approximately 540 people representing a range of interests of the opportunity to participate in the Information Session and Open House held on September 7, 2013.

The notification was sent twice to 544 people on the Robb Trend Project contact list. The first time it was included in the Summer / Autumn 2013 Robb Trend Project Newsletter that went out in mid July by email and surface mail to the contact list. The second time a post card with information on the event was sent by email and surface mail during the week of August 19, 2013. The information session and open house presentations were summarized on the post card, along with the opportunity to participate in a field trip to a CVM surface water management facility. A toll free telephone number was provided for registration on the field trip.

Forty-seven (47) people attended the Information Session and Open House that included the following interests:

- Robb Residents | 24 people
- First Nations (Samson Cree FN; Ermineskin FN) | 7 people
- Resource users (trappers; guide outfitters) | 4 people
- Industry (oil and gas; coal mining) | 3 people
- Provincial Non-Government Organization (recreation) | 1 person
- Elected Officials (municipal) | 2 people
- Regional residents (Hinton, AB; Edson, AB) | 6 people

The following themes of identified interests, needs and concerns were noted through comments and responses by participants: *Water (surface and groundwater) quality and quantity, Hamlet of Robb – Potential Impacts, Trapping, Mine reclamation, and Ongoing Community Engagement.*

▪ Established and Ongoing Community Engagement

Since 2011 CVRI Robb Trend Project Leaders have been engaged with the Robb Hamlet Preservation Association (RHPA). The RHPA was formed by a group of Robb residents concerned about the potential encroachment of resource development – forestry, oil and gas, mining – on the Hamlet of Robb. Membership is open to any Robb resident. There have been regular meetings and communication with the RHPA Board of Directors through the direct participation of the Robb Trend Project Manager. The Board of Directors of the RHPA have provided important advice to assist in identifying public engagement needs, comment on methods, timing and publicizing opportunities. For example, at the

suggestion of the RHPA Board who were hearing reports about water well conditions, CVRI Robb Trend Project Leaders initiated an awareness and engagement opportunity that encouraged Robb residents to report any residential water well problems through a toll free line operated by Coal Valley Mine.

The water well information is collected confidentially with the intent to:

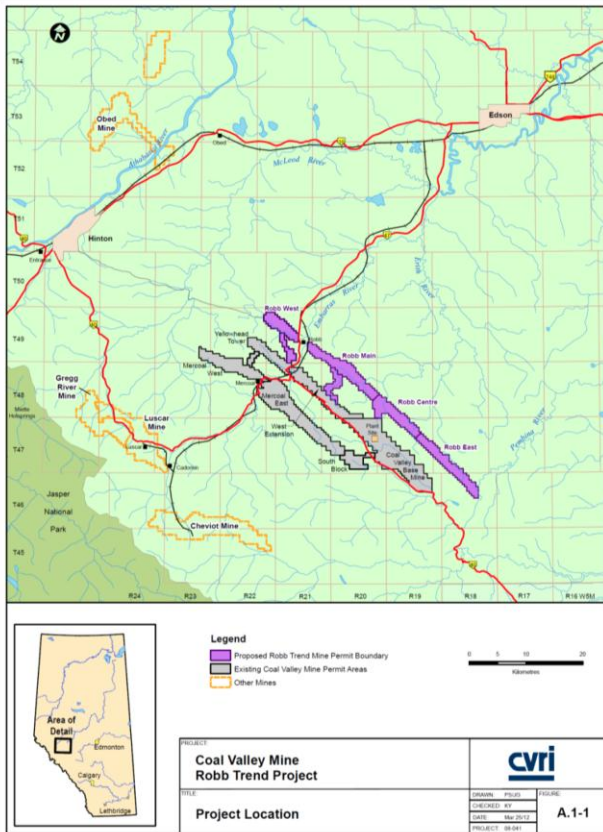
1. Receive, collect and compile information on reported well water conditions in Robb.
2. Assess if there is any correlation among the conditions reported (viz. all the same problem at the same time).
3. Periodically, review the events and determine if some follow-up is needed and provide it, as required.
4. Report to the RHPA on the kinds of water well conditions that have been provided through the information line.

There have been 6 meetings with the RHPA Board to date and another one planned for early February 2014. Meetings with the RHPA will continue until a regulatory decision is made on the application and EA. Following that a Community Advisory Group, with the RHPA Board as the principal advisors on the concept and the draft terms of reference, will be established to provide ongoing advice on community policy development (e.g. residential water well monitoring and mitigation; noise monitoring and management; land use and public access) as mining progresses.

CVRI COAL VALLEY RESOURCES INC. Newsletter

Coal Valley Mine ROBB TREND PROJECT Summer/Autumn 2013

Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) Coal Valley Mine (CVM) is located approximately 100 kilometres south of Edson, Alberta in Yellowhead County, southeast of the community of Robb. At current forecasted rates of coal production, additional mining areas will be required by mid-2014. The Robb Trend Project, adjacent to existing mining operations, will allow CVM to meet the demand for high quality thermal coal until 2030.



Map sourced from Robb Trend EIA Report and Mine Permit Application, April 2012

Anticipated timing for Robb Trend application review

Schedule may change due to regulatory requirements following review of EIA and application.

Autumn 2010 to 2014 and beyond	Project description, public engagement and consultation with Aboriginal governments and communities
Winter/Spring 2011	Proposed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Terms of Reference prepared for regulatory approval
Summer 2011	EIA Terms of Reference approved
Autumn 2010 to Spring 2012	Environmental assessment and reporting
Spring 2012	EIA and Mine Permit Application submitted for regulatory review
Spring 2012 to Winter/Spring 2013/2014	Regulatory review by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the Alberta Energy Regulator
2013 to 2014	Approvals issued
Autumn/Winter 2014	Mine construction

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Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) is owned by Sheriitt International Corporation. CVRI headquarters are in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Robb Trend Project - *Application and EIA update*

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Mine Permit Application for Robb Trend Project at the Coal Valley Mine were submitted to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD), the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) in April 2012. During 2013, ESRD and AER made Supplemental Information Requests (SIRs) for more detail on selected parts of the EIA and application. The full application including the SIRs has now been submitted. CVRI representatives anticipate that the application will be deemed complete for final review by late summer or early autumn 2013 and a decision made by the end of 2013.

Opportunities for public engagement

Now that the Robb Trend Project EIA and application have been submitted for final review by ESRD and AER, the project leaders invite you to join us for a series of public engagement events during the summer and autumn of 2013. Details for the events are provided below.

A separate Aboriginal consultation program is ongoing directly with each of the communities whose traditional lands may be affected.

Drop-in events		<i>Robb Trend Community Office, Robb, Alberta</i>
2013	TIMES	INFORMATION AVAILABLE
SATURDAY July 27 August 10 August 24	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed project boundary and mining areas ▪ Reclamation plan ▪ Community protection plans for dust, noise, groundwater, surface water, blasting ▪ Proposals for ongoing engagement

Information session and open house		<i>Robb Community Centre, Robb, Alberta</i>
SATURDAY September 7	<p>Information session 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Field trip available to CVM water treatment facilities 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Open house 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Information session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CVM Updates on surface water management, mining and mine plans ▪ Haul road realignment application ▪ Robb Trend Application and EIA highlights <p>Open house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed project boundary and mining areas ▪ Reclamation plan ▪ Community protection plans for dust, noise, groundwater, surface water, blasting ▪ Proposals for ongoing engagement

Who to contact for more information

For more information on the Robb Trend Project, including requests for copies of the Robb Trend Project application and EIA, contact:



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Attachment 2: July and August 2013 Drop-In Sessions Report



Coal Valley Resources Inc.
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Robb Trend Project – Drop In Sessions Summary Report
July 27, August 10 and August 24, 2013

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Introduction

The Robb Trend Project (Project) application was submitted for regulatory review in April 2012. The Government of Alberta and the Alberta Energy Regulator has reviewed the application twice with supplemental information request responses provided Project Team each time. It is expected that the final, formal application review for the Project will be completed in late 2013 or early 2014.

As part of the continuing public engagement program for the Project, Brian McKinnon and Les Lafleur, Project Director and Project Manager respectively, identified the need to provide opportunities for people to meet and discuss the Robb Trend Project application. A plan and program has been developed to provide face to face discussion opportunities from the end of July to the end of August 2013. Three “drop in” sessions were provided at the Robb Trend Project Community Office in Robb, Alberta as part of the engagement plan.

Notification of the drop in session opportunity was included in a Robb Trend summer 2013 newsletter. Notices were also placed in the community of Robb at the public bulletin board near the fire hall and adjacent to the postal boxes at the Robb Community centre. On the day of each event along with a temporary sign on the entrance road to the Robb Project Community Office to draw people’s attention and welcome them.

Two Project Team leaders and a facilitator supported each Drop In session. The Robb Trend Project environmental impact assessment report and application documents were made available both in hard and soft copies along with project highlight information.

Interests, Needs and Concerns Identified

Stated interests, needs and concerns were captured, transcribed and responded to by Project staff following each session.

A total of 16 people attended the three Drop In Sessions:

- Nine (9) people attended (3 from Robb, 4 from Mercoal and two from Edson) the July 27, 2013 Drop In Session. Two Project Leaders in attendance, Brian McKinnon, Project Director and Les Lafleur, Project Manager provided support for the discussion and responses to questions. Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting also attended the event to welcome, register participants and to collect the interest, need or concern statements as they were provided.
- Five (5) people visited the second of 3 Drop In Sessions, held August 10, 2013, (3 from Robb, 2 from Edson). Two Project Leaders in attendance, Brian McKinnon, Project Director and Blaine Renkas, Environmental Manager, Sherritt Coal, provided support for the discussion and responses to questions. Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting also attended the event to welcome, register participants and to collect the interest, need or concern statements as they were provided.
- One person from Edson, AB attended the 3rd Drop In session on August 24, 2013. The two Project Leaders in attendance were Brian McKinnon, Project Director and Les LaFleur, Project Manager. Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting was available to welcome, register and record interests, needs or concerns. An update on the status of the application and some of the potential implications were discussed. No specific interests, needs or concerns were identified for response in the context of the EIA or permit application.

Summary of Interests, Needs and Concerns with CVRI Responses

The comments and questions collected from the three Drop In sessions have been grouped into areas of *access, water, air quality, Hamlet of Robb Potential Impacts, project schedule* and *Current Coal Valley Mine Operations*.

Two tables below provide a listing of the points raised by those who attended the July 27 and August 10, 2012 Drop In Sessions and the responses to them. No comments were collected from the August 24th event.

Table 1: July 27, 2013 Drop In Session – Interests, Needs and Concerns with CVRI Responses

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Interest, Need or Concern</i>	<i>CVRI Robb Trend Project - Response</i>
<i>Access</i>	I want to be able to access huckleberries in the vicinity of Highway 47.	CVRI will continue to allow access to those areas where mining will not occur or is completed as long as public safety is maintained. CVRI is doing some planting of huckleberries as part of the land reclamation activities. Planting of huckleberries has shown good results so far.
	There should be a buffer to the east of Robb that extends to include the “Tank” area (i.e. stop at the existing pipeline right of way) since Robb residents like to walk there.	While a set back for mine disturbance has been identified for the Hamlet of Robb, CVRI is recommending the establishment of a local advisory committee to discuss a “buffer” and other interests, needs and concerns as mining approaches the hamlet of Robb around 2025.
	When the application gets approved, does CVRI CVM put up no trespassing signs over the entire permit area for Robb Trend?	Only those areas of active mining plus a set back for safety are posted for no access. Areas that will not be mined for a number of years are still available for public access. Access management plans and restrictions may be put in place, however, if there are public safety concerns with, for example, mine exploration or mine infrastructure construction activities.
	Improve your track record on reclamation by ensuring that the mined areas of Robb Trend are reclaimed quickly and returned to public use.	Mining activities in the Project area will be ongoing for approximately 25 years. As mining operations are completed, reclamation activities will be initiated. Reclamation will be undertaken in sequential steps as mining operations advance.

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<i>Access (continued)</i>	When are reclaimed areas returned for use by the public?	Reclamation will be initiated as mining operations are completed. Reclamation will be completed in sequential steps and monitored over a ten year period with the land certified for release to public use at that time.
	Access for ATV use during and following mining – what are your plans?	Based on specific the Government of Alberta's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) objectives for the Robb Highlands Resource Management Area (RMA), five resource uses have been identified for the Project reclaimed landscapes. One of the resource uses is for recreation that includes off highway vehicles. The IRP determined that the five resource uses, including recreation, are ecologically and economically sustainable, socially acceptable, and are compatible with government planning objectives and regulatory requirements. OHV / ATV uses will be designated on the reclaimed landscape, depending on site characteristics. CVRI is interested in working with local recreation users, including ATV users, to identify opportunities as reclamation is undertaken.
	Can you provide access to end pit lakes (i.e. Silkstone) across the mine area for disabled people?	Yes, if someone with a disability is interested accessing Silkstone Lake for angling, they can contact the mine office and arrangements can be made to have them get to the lake to fish.
<i>Water</i>	There seems to be more silting of the creeks in the area than there used to be, is it because of mining?	Surface water quality in the Robb Trend Regional Study Area is of generally good quality. The concentration of total suspended solids ("silt") TSS in the RSA was usually measured to be below 10 mg/L (i.e. low), but some high concentrations of TSS (approximately 200 mg/L) were observed in the fall season of 2009. There doesn't seem to be a trend to higher levels of silting in any of the streams in the area. As for past mining in the Coal Valley area, CVRI will conduct environmental monitoring as required in all Project approvals. This is expected to include: monitoring of Project impoundments and monitoring for surface water quality in natural watercourses, both upstream and downstream of Project activities.
	The Pembina River is dead and we're afraid to use it for swimming because of the poor water quality.	Neither the Coal Valley Mine nor the Robb Trend Project have or will have any effect on the Pembina River.
<i>Air Quality</i>	West winds will bring dust (and noise) into the hamlet when mining starts.	While the modeling for both dust and noise have indicated that they will be below the maximum regulated levels, CVRI will monitor dust and noise at Robb as mining approaches the community in 2021.
	Do you know how far the underground fires have extended?	Yes, the underground fires are monitored.
<i>Mining Schedule</i>	Has CVRI completed all of the exploratory drilling for the Robb Trend Project?	Exploratory drilling is completed to verify the coal reserves for mining during the first phase of the Robb Trend Project. More detailed exploratory drilling will take place before mining starts.

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	When you get approval when will mining actually start?	If approval is given based on the assumed schedule for the Robb Trend Project construction of the first new haul road would occur in 2014 – 2015 with mining starting in 2016.
<i>CVM Current Operations</i>	Larger coal trains seem to be “chattering” as they go through the tunnel near Robb, does this pose a hazard (i.e. damage rails) and can anything be done about it to dampen down the noise?	This is a rail transportation issue that will have to be addressed by CN Rail. CVRI will pass on the comment to CN Rail representatives.
	We’ve been disturbed by haul trucks with squeaky brakes – can you do something about the noise?	Through regular equipment maintenance CVRI will address this problem.
	Will the pond near Mercoal be permanent or will it be reclaimed?	Reclamation has left a small pond which drains into a tributary of Mercoal Creek. This pond is only fed by surface runoff so levels will fluctuate over the seasons. CVM will provide further vegetation in and around the pond to help establish a permanent wetland feature.
	What is the schedule for reseeded or reforesting the mined areas of the Yellowhead Tower – Mercoal West (sooner is better than later)?	CVM is and will continue to treat Pit 29, Mercoal West and Yellowhead Tower as priority areas for reclamation. Significant reclamation has been accomplished in these areas already so that return of the land base can be quickened.

Table 2: August 10, 2013 Drop In Session – Interests, Needs and Concerns with CVRI Responses

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Interest, Need or Concern</i>	<i>CVRI Robb Trend Project - Response</i>
<i>Water and Air Quality</i>	There is a need to discuss extending the buffer around Robb since Robb residents are becoming entrenched; start the conversation to resolve this issue.	While a set back for mine disturbance has been identified for the Hamlet of Robb, CVRI is recommending the establishment of a local advisory committee to discuss a “buffer” and other interests, needs and concerns as mining approaches the hamlet of Robb around 2025.
	How do you keep dust from coming off open rail cars?	When loading rail cars CVM completes the load by ‘profiling’ the top of the load as a smooth surface in order to minimize possible ‘wind erosion’ as the rail car is travelling. A ‘dust suppression agent’ consisting of water and latex can be applied to the surface of the loaded coal as conditions require.
<i>Project Schedule</i>	When will mining be near Robb?	The current proposal is for mining to start east of Robb in 2025 and 2030 west of Robb. Mining in the area will be completed in 2038.
<i>Hamlet of Robb – Potential Impacts</i>	Can you verify the Hamlet of Robb boundaries included in the Robb Trend Project environmental impact assessment (see figures 2.2 in the Project Description, Section C and CR 9, Figure 2.2, page 23) since it differs from the boundary that Yellowhead County has defined?	The Robb Hamlet boundary will be verified and corrected if necessary.
	Property values – there’s a belief that Robb residents are seeing a negative effect on property values because of mining, for example property values are going up at Cadomin at the moment and declining in Robb. There is a need to investigate the situation and mitigate future	Although the property value effect of the Project is expected to be negative during the period of mining activity close to Robb, actual prices will be influenced by other effects as well. For example, startup of the new Coalspur operation is expected to have a positive effect on housing prices in the RSA,

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	property value concerns at Robb.	including Robb. Finally, general housing price fluctuations in the province are expected to influence housing prices in the region, including Robb.
<i>Current Coal Valley Mine Operations</i>	What's going on with the proposed new haul road realignment near Coalspur?	The application has been submitted to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) but there has been no decision. If the application is approved the company will have to make a decision on the financial feasibility of proceeding with the haul road realignment. There should be a corporate decision, if regulatory approval is given, towards the end of 2013 or early 2014.
	Is the haul road option with an alignment north of Robb still being considered?	The Robb bypass road was proposed as an option early in application preparation. It was excluded because of the potential impact on Robb residents. If, for some reason, the Robb bypass road option were reconsidered it would have to go through an active public engagement program as part of the application.
	Is CVRI working with Alberta Transportation to improve the highway between Robb and Edson?	Alberta Transportation is the sole decision maker for planning and maintenance activities on Highway 47.
	Highway 47 – Traffic safety is a concern. The highway needs to be kept in good shape since there are no shoulders and heavy truck traffic is causing safety concerns; CVRI should put their weight behind improving Highway 47.	CVRI is conscious of the importance of Highway 47 regarding safety of public and employees as well as a supply corridor for operations. Traffic safety is monitored by CVM management.



Coal Valley Mine – Robb Trend Project

Proposed CVM Information Session and Open House Event September 7, 2013

Report of Results

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Introduction

The summer and autumn 2013 public engagement program was intended to provide people from the community and region with opportunities to learn about and speak with Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) representatives on the Robb Trend Project, Coal Valley Mine (CVM) extension permit application and environmental assessment (EA) that will soon be deemed complete by Alberta Provincial energy and environmental regulators. The public engagement program took place over July and August 2013, culminating in an information session and open house event in early September 2013. Geographically, the focus was in Robb, Alberta.

This summer and autumn initiative is part of CVRI's ongoing commitment to public engagement and consultation with Aboriginal Communities as outlined in *Robb Trend Project Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program Guidelines, Objectives and Principles* (July 2010) and consistent with the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (EA – TOR) approved by Alberta Environment (AENV; now Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development) in August 2011.

The program was supported by:

- A Project Newsletter
- Community drop in “store front” events at the Robb Project Community Office in Robb, AB on selected dates in July and August 2013
- A reminder notice for an information session and open house sent to people on the Robb Trend Project contact list
- A Robb Trend Project Information Session and Open House event held September 7, 2013 at the Robb, AB Community Centre.

This report provides recommended purposes, description, schedule, process and support provided (people, graphics and materials) for the Information Session and Open House held on September 7, 2013.

The information made available to support mutual learning included:

- Update and Status on the Robb Trend Project EA and application.
- Project Interests, Needs and Concerns that have been identification, included in the application and environmental assessment and company response or mitigation proposals.
- Regulatory Process and anticipated review and approval schedule.
- Proposed Access Options for Mining – selection of transportation corridors, mining sequence and anticipated timing.

Information session and open house		Robb Community Centre, Robb, Alberta
SATURDAY September 7	Robb Trend Project Information session 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Field trip available to a Coal Valley Mine water management facility 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Robb Trend Project Open house 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Information session – Robb Trend Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Haul road realignment application ▪ Robb Trend Application and EIA highlights Open house – Robb Trend Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed project boundary and mining areas ▪ Reclamation plan ▪ Community protection plans for dust, noise, groundwater, surface water, blasting ▪ Proposals for ongoing engagement

Information Session and Open House Purposes

The purposes of the CVM Information Session and Robb Trend Open House on September 7 2013 were to:

- Maintain a CVRI / CVM / Robb Trend Project profile and links to the community by putting a “face” on the CVRI / CVM representatives.
- Provide an update on the status of the Robb Trend Project including mine planning and sequencing, technical requirements, regulatory approval status, anticipated project schedule, company contact information and follow-up opportunities.
- Provide an opportunity for people to learn about the Robb Trend Project application and EA including responses to previous needs, interests and issues identified during the public engagement process.
- Provide information on the regulatory decision process, schedule and any follow-up contact as required.
- Demonstrate good practice at the Coal Valley Mine by providing participants an opportunity to visit, view and have an opportunity to learn about the operation of a surface water management facility.

Specifically the Information Session and Open House presented:

- Robb Trend Application and EIA highlights;
- What the final mine plans for the Robb Trend Project are proposed;
- What CVRI has included to protect the hamlet of Robb;
- A proposal for ongoing community engagement including a community advisory group as part of company commitments; and
- The application and project are progressing, interests and issues identified and addressed.

Information Session and Open House Support - Staff and Advisors

Staff and Advisors who supported the Information Session and Open House included:

CVRI / CVM / Robb Trend Project Leaders and Resource People

Brian McKinnon, Robb Trend Project Director – Welcome and introduction to the Robb Trend Update / Information Session and Open House Event

Les LaFleur, CVRI – Robb Trend Application Update during the Information Session and key resource person for the Open House portion; arrange and coordinate CVM tour.

Blaine Renkas, Sherritt Coal Environmental Manager – Open House Resource Person

CVM Tour Support:

Stephanie Autut, CVM, Environmental Manager

Joe Potts, CVM, Environmental Technician / Assistant

Chuck Williams, CVM, Mine Manager

Event Logistics Support:

Deb Williams, CVM, Coordinator / Lead Support Person – Hosting coordination / Advice on Logistics for CVM Tour.

Consultant Support: MEMS / LTG Consulting (LTG) / Lifeways of Canada (Lifeways) / 2 Badgers Consulting Inc. (2 Badgers)

Jim Gendron and Melanie Moore, LTG, Information Session, Open House Planning, Design, Facilitation, participant registration, orientation, confirm bus tour participants and report results.

Kevin Peters, MEMS, On-site advice and support

Dan Meyer, Lifeways, Historic and Archaeological Resources Assessment; Aboriginal Consultation coordinator.

Dion Arnouse, 2 Badgers, Aboriginal Consultation.

Information Session

The CVM Robb Trend Project Information Session Component from 10:00 to 11:00 AM included the following program, supported by audio and visual presentations.

9:15 to 9:55 AM – Welcome, Orient and Register / Sign in Participants

- Welcome people as they arrive and provide them with a brief orientation to the day.
- Ask people to sign in; if they are on the contact list only their names and community location will be requested.
- Confirm those who have pre-registered for the Tour of the Surface Water Management Facility
- Direct people to the food and beverages offered for participants.
- Direct participants (and media reps) to the resource people (i.e. Brian McKinnon and Les LaFleur) if they have a burning question or comment prior or if a media person shows up (i.e. from local paper)

9:55 – 10:00 AM - Open the Information Session

- Provide a brief overview of the morning including the Robb Trend Project Leaders who will be presenting and the arrangements for the tour to the water management facilities
- Introduce Brian McKinnon, Robb Trend Project Director

10:00 – 10:15 AM – Welcome and Introduction to the Robb Trend Project

(Brian McKinnon, Project Director)

- Thank people for attending.
- Note that the morning will be followed by an afternoon open house where people can speak to Robb Trend Project Leaders one on one about what they heard in the morning or any other aspects of the application and EA
- Introduce Les LaFleur, Robb Trend Project Manager to present an information update and hand off to Les LaFleur

10:15 – 10:55 AM – Information Update – Robb Trend Project

(Les LaFleur, Robb Trend Project Manager)

- Robb Trend Project Application –
 - What has been included to protect Community - mitigation plan; monitoring
 - What is CVRI committing to community - Proposed Advisory Group; Proposed Community agreement
 - Show Development Schedule - Without Robb Trend and with Robb Trend
 - What's next - Continued Community Contact; Regulatory Review and Decision Process
 - Anything in Les's estimation will be helpful to be shared with those attending
- Invite everyone to engage in the Open House; encourage everyone to stay or return following the tour to speak with the Project Leaders directly about anything they heard during the presentation or the application and EA – from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

10:55 – 11:00 AM – Close the Information Session Portion

(Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting)

- Thank Brian and Les for their excellent presentations – and observe the standing ovation.
- Orient people to lunch arrangements and the site tour

Open House Component

Organization and conceptual layout: The open house was organized into five distinct areas (“information stations” - see conceptual layout that follows):

1. Welcome and Orientation: People are greeted, welcomed and oriented to the Open House format and available information.
2. Project Boundary and Proposed Footprint: People have a chance to learn about Robb Trend Project Boundary and Proposed Footprint / disturbance limits; mining plan, sequencing, schedule with timing for and proximity to Robb.
3. Community Protection Plan: Areas for focus based on the environmental assessment, responses to issues, needs and interests raised to date for community protection, including:
 - mine access corridor requirements and preferences;
 - groundwater and surface water quantity and quality monitoring and reporting – proposed water well replacement policy;
 - Surface water monitoring and reporting;
 - noise, blasting and dust monitoring and mitigation;
 - Reclamation plans, recreation and resource use access including reclamation to date at CVM.
 - Emergency response planning – environmental releases to air, land or water;
 - Community engagement – Community Advisory Committee proposal, community agreement regarding monitoring, reporting and mitigation.
4. Project Scope: Show Erith Road and start up area, economic impact.
5. Robb Trend Provincial Regulatory Review and Decision Process: Information is provided with the opportunity to reference the detail in the application and next steps in the regulatory decision process.

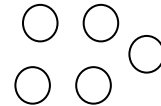
Conceptual Open House Layout and Description

Welcome and Orientation

- Greeting and welcome
- Registration
- Orientation and direction to area of greatest interest
- Orientation to Open House format and information/materials available (poster board / newsletter handouts)
- Record request for contact and follow-up
- Exit interview

Jim Gendron and Melanie Moore, LTG

Hospitality Area
Food and Beverage

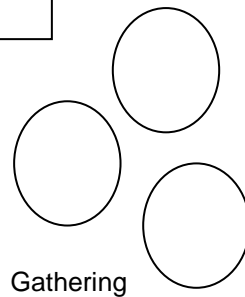


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Project Boundary / Footprint

- Regional location poster board
- Poster boards showing boundary and disturbance limits
- Mining plans and sequencing

Les LaFleur, CVRI



Gathering / Discussion Area

Project Scope

- Start up – Erith Road
- Economic impact – employment / annual spending by CVM
- Ongoing project contacts

*Brian McKinnon, CVRI
Dion Arouse, 2 Badgers*

FLIP CHART

Community Protection Plan

- Map/location – Robb Trend and Region
- groundwater and surface water quantity and quality – requirement for water well inventory as mining approaches Robb; proposed water well replacement policy;
- reclamation - recreation and resource use access and timing and turnover for public use following mining
- blasting, noise, dust;
- reclamation plans;
- ongoing community engagement – CAC; community policy proposals.

*Blaine Renkas, Sherritt Coal
Dan Meyer, Lifeways of Canada*

FLIP CHART

Project Application, Review and Decision Process

- EA assessment
- ESRD / AER (copies of application and SIR updates), regulatory decision process and schedule

Kevin Peters, MEMS

Notification and Participation

- **Notification**

The current CVRI CVM Robb Trend Project contact list was used to notify approximately 540 people representing a range of interests of the opportunity to participate in the Information Session and Open House held on September 7, 2013.

The notification was sent twice, the first time it was included in the Summer / Autumn 2013 Robb Trend Project Newsletter that went out in mid July by email and surface mail to the contact list. The second time a post card with information on the event was sent by email and surface mail during the week of August 19, 2013. The information session and open house presentations were summarized on the post card, along with the opportunity to participate in a field trip to a CVM surface water management facility. A toll free telephone number was provided for registration on the field trip. Table 1, below summarizes the distribution of post card notices for the information session and open house events on September 7, 2013:

Table 1: *CVM Robb Trend Project Information Session and Open House Contact List Notification by Interest*

Interest	Number of Contacts
Robb Hamlet Property Owners	166
Aboriginal – First Nations / Métis	64
Business Interests	21
Coal Branch Historical Association	4
Disposition Holders (forestry, mineral and gravel)	7
Government - Federal	6
Government - Municipal	17
Government - Provincial	57
Private Landowners within the Region	30
Mercoal Residents	34
Media	3
Non Government Organizations	22
Guide / Outfitters	15
Oil and Gas	57
Area residents	36
Trappers	5
<i>Total</i>	<i>544</i>

- **Participation**

Forty-seven (47) people attended the Information Session and Open House. Participants included the following interests:

- Robb Residents | 24 people
- First Nations (Samson Cree FN; Ermineskin FN) | 7
- Resource users (trappers; guide outfitters) | 4 people
- Industry (oil and gas; coal mining) | 3 people
- Provincial Non-Government Organization (recreation) | 1 person
- Elected Officials (municipal) | 2

- Regional residents (Hinton, AB; Edson, AB) | 6

Twenty-seven (27) people went on the bus tour to explain and demonstrate how the CVM water management systems function and the environmental requirements that must be met before water can be discharged into water courses.

Identified Interests, Needs and Concerns

Participants were encouraged to provide their comments or ask questions regarding their interests, needs or concerns related to the CVRI CVM Robb Trend Project. Table 2 provides a listing of the items identified by people and captured on flip charts or provided as part of the comments included in the exit interviews used for the events. Each of the items identified has a response provided by CVRI Robb Trend Project Leaders.

Table 2: *Interests, Needs and Concerns from the Robb Trend Project Information Session and Open House*

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Interest, Need or Concern</i>	<i>CVRI Robb Trend Project – Response</i>
Access	Access issues – make sure that there is managed recreational access before, during and following mining and plan for recreational access as part of reclamation following mining.	<p>Only those areas of active mining plus a set back for safety are posted for no access. Areas that will not be mined for a number of years are still available for public access. Access management plans and restrictions may be put in place, however, if there are public safety concerns with, for example, mine exploration or mine infrastructure construction activities.</p> <p>Based on specific the Government of Alberta's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) objectives for the Robb Highlands Resource Management Area (RMA), five resource uses have been identified for the Project reclaimed landscapes. One of the resource uses is for recreation that includes off highway vehicles. The IRP determined that the five resource uses, including recreation, are ecologically and economically sustainable, socially acceptable, and are compatible with government planning objectives and regulatory requirements. OHV / ATV uses will be designated on the reclaimed landscape, depending on site characteristics. CVRI is interested in working with local recreation users, including ATV users, to identify opportunities as reclamation is undertaken.</p>
	Will the Robb Road to Hinton be removed as part of mining; I'm concerned because I use it to go to Hinton when I take my family to our doctor?	The Robb Road connecting to Hinton is a private road owned and operated by a forestry company. CVRI CVM will be required to change the alignment as part of the mitigation required for Robb Trend Project mine development. The Robb Road will continue to be operated by the private owner during mining, connecting the Robb area to Hinton.
	A number of people who work in the Robb area live in and commute from Hinton; will our travel route on the Robb Road be affected by mine related changes?	
	What is the process if there's a water well concern registered by a Robb resident?	A post card with a toll free contact telephone number will soon be sent to all Robb Hamlet property owners. The post card is designed to be a reference for Robb residents to provide initial information to CVM representatives should they encounter a

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Interest, Need or Concern</i>	<i>CVRI Robb Trend Project – Response</i>
<i>Water quality and quantity</i>		<p>problem with their water wells.</p> <p>The proposed process is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents leave their water well information using the toll free telephone line – initial information requested includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and contact information for follow-up • Location of well (residential or legal land location in Robb) • Type of problem (e.g., not enough water, odours, sediment, unusual colour) • Date or dates during which problem occurred 2. The message is received by a CVM representative and follow-up contact is made to discuss the nature of the problem in more detail, if and as required. If it's helpful, a site visit for well inspection or water sample collection will be arranged with the property owner. 3. A record (both map location and file document) is kept of the contact. 4. CVM will determine follow-up action with the resident, as required.
	Algae growth in the Embarrass River; please review the source of algal growth in the river; I believe the problem is from Chance Creek and the rock that was used to armour the surface drainage channels from the mine.	CVM has contracted with a consultant to assess water quality with the aim of determining the amount of algae growth and it's likely source in the Embarrass River. An assessment was completed in the autumn of 2012 and another follow-up completed in August 2013. CVM will continue to monitor and report on the situation.
	CVRI and CVM should partner and work with the Athabasca Watershed Council on watershed planning that is soon to start.	CVRI Robb Trend representatives will follow-up with the Athabasca Watershed Council to discuss the company's participation in upcoming watershed plan preparation.
<i>Hamlet of Robb – Potential Impacts</i>	Did CVRI examine the use of rail on site to move coal rather than truck in order to reduce dust?	Yes, the use of mine site rail versus truck hauling was examined. Since rail would still require load out facilities that would generate dust and the cost of rail development would be high, it was decided to continue to use mine trucks to move the coal on site.
	What is the buffer that is proposed around the Hamlet of Robb when mining occurs nearby?	The buffer is proposed to be 800 meters on the east side of Robb and 500 meters on the west. Topographic features along with noise, dust and water management assessments were used to establish the proposed buffer.
	What will CVRI be monitoring and reporting as mining approaches the Hamlet of Robb and while mining occurs near Robb?	CVRI CVM will be monitoring groundwater and surface water, dust and noise. The company is proposing to establish a Community Advisory Group to work with CVM representatives to ensure that monitoring is timely and comprehensive with the results reported to Robb residents.
	I have a log home I'm trying to sell and this	CVRI Robb Trend Project representatives will, at

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	project has caused a concern for serious buyers that I've had.	your request, contact your real estate agent to discuss the project as proposed including timing, location and mitigation activities that are planned to account for the potential impacts on the Hamlet of Robb.
<i>Trapping</i>	Roll back of debris as part of drilling reclamation has impeded access to a trapping cabin; future planned drilling locations need to be provided for my Fur Resource Management Area (FRMA); access at the east end of the mine permit area is through a locked gate, please provide access; impacts on trappers cabin and compensation.	<p>Reclamation following drilling activity is prescribed by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) and must be followed. If problems have been created as a result, CVM will work with trappers and ESRD representatives to see what can be done, consistent with government of Alberta requirements. Plans for future drilling can be provided.</p> <p>Access through gated points can be provided for trappers as they conduct their trapping activities.</p> <p>CVM will continue to work with trappers who will have their FRMA affected by mining by the Robb Trend Project including discussion for compensation and relocation of trapping cabins.</p>
<i>Mine Reclamation</i>	There appears to be a lot of land that's been reclaimed after mining and suitable for release for public use, how does it get released and when will that happen?	<p>Once reclamation is completed we apply to ESRD for a reclamation certificate. ESRD representatives then have to inspect the area applied for to ensure that it meets the regulatory requirements for certification. It can take some time for this to happen, for example, we have had an application for certification and release of an area of reclaimed land that was submitted 4 years ago.</p> <p>Mining activities in the Robb Trend Project area will be ongoing for approximately 25 years.</p> <p>Reclamation will be initiated as mining operations are completed. Reclamation will be completed in sequential steps and monitored over a ten year period with the land certified for release to public use at that time.</p>
<i>Ongoing Community Engagement</i>	Will there be additional opportunities for public engagement following mine permit approval for the Robb Trend mine extension?	<p>Yes. Should the Robb Trend Project permit application be approved, there will be a requirement for public engagement for each mine licence application within the permit area.</p> <p>CVM is also recommending that a Robb Community Advisory Group be established as part of the Robb Trend Project Permit approval to provide ongoing advice from people with interests in the Hamlet of Robb for the life of the project.</p>

Exit Interviews - Summary

There were 7 people, selected randomly, who completed exit interviews; the following is a summary of the results:

- Most (5 to 7 of the respondents) indicated that they:
 - got the information that they needed
 - found the event helpful
 - understood and were able to use the information materials and that staff were helpful in explaining them
 - had their questions answered fully
 - had their interests, needs and concerns listened to by staff at the event.
- One person requested follow-up by CVRI Robb Trend representatives on an issue of concern (property values).

A list of 13 previously identified community concerns and interests were presented as part of the exit interview. People were asked to indicate any that they believed to be important to consider in project planning and operations. The community concerns and interests are listed below (with the response frequency after each one):

- Ground water quality and quantity (6)
- Surface water quantity (6)
- Wildlife and Fisheries (6)
- Residential property impacts (5)
- Surface water quality (4)
- Reclamation and return of mined lands for public use (4)
- Public engagement process / events / opportunities (4)
- Recreation access on public land (4)
- Human Health (3)
- Public safety (3)
- Protection of historical resources (3)
- Industrial and mine related traffic volumes and safety (2)

Those among the respondents who participated in the field trip to the surface water management facility expressed their thanks for the opportunity to learn more about mine operations and the regulatory requirement to ensure that surface water from the Coal Valley Mine had to meet specific quality standards before it was released.



Coal Valley Mine – Robb Trend Project

CEAA / AER Information Sessions – January 2015

Westmoreland Coal Company Coal Valley Resources Inc. Robb Trend Project Participation In the CEAA / AER Joint Review Panel Information Sessions Summary of Results

Introduction

On December 5, 2014, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) invited the public to participate in a review of the proposed agreement and terms of reference for the establishment of a Joint Panel to conduct an environmental assessment. The notice provided on the CEAA website (<http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm?document=100601>) states:

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency invites the public to comment on the draft Agreement establish a joint review panel with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for the environmental assessment of the proposed Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion project in Alberta. The Agency and the AER will be holding information sessions in the project area.

The Agency has developed an Agreement with the AER for the conduct of the environmental assessment. The Agreement establishes the mandate and authority of the joint panel and its composition, as well as the procedures and timelines for the review.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft Agreement in either official language to the Agency by January 20, 2015. After taking these comments into consideration, the Agreement will be finalized and made public.

As part of the CEAA / AER public engagement Information Sessions in support of the Joint Review Panel process were held in Alberta at four locations during January 13 to January 16, 2015.

Westmoreland Coal, Coal Valley Resources Inc. (CVRI) Robb Trend Project representatives were allowed to attend each of 4 information sessions sponsored by CEAA to provide public participants with the opportunity to get additional, Robb Trend Project application information.

This report is a summary of the results from contact with those participants who attended to discuss the draft joint review panel agreement and terms of reference and then, additionally, wished to ask questions, receive information and make comments on the Robb Trend Project.

The CEAA / AER Information Sessions were lead by:

- Brett Maracle, Panel Manager, Cumulative Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)
- Cindy Parker, CEAA

- Rachel Van Deventer, CEAA
- Jennifer Koppe, Hearing Coordinator, Alberta Energy Regulator

Information Session Dates, Locations and Robb Trend Project Staff

The following table provides the four dates and locations identified by CEAA / AER, the timing of each event. The table includes the Robb Trend Project staff (Westmoreland Coal representatives and project consultants) who attended and were available to discuss and, where necessary, record any interests, concerns or needs identified for follow-up by participants.

Location	Date / Time	Robb Trend Project Staff
Holiday Inn Hinton Hotel 393 Gregg Avenue Hinton, Alberta	Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ross Van Bostelen, Robb Trend Project Manager ▪ Kari McDonald, Westmoreland Coal Company, Manager, Environment and Regulatory Affairs ▪ Kevin Peters, Project Manager, Regulatory, Millennium EMS Solutions Ltd.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 5016 5 Avenue Edson, Alberta	Wednesday, January 14, 2015 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ross Van Bostelen, Robb Trend Project Manager ▪ Dan Rousseau, General Manager, CVM ▪ Kevin Peters, Project Manager, Regulatory, Millennium EMS Solutions Ltd.
Robb Community Hall 5101 52 Ave Robb, Alberta	Thursday, January 15, 2015 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ross Van Bostelen, Robb Trend Project Manager ▪ Dan Meyer, Lifeways of Canada ▪ Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting
Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort 300 East Lapotac Blvd Enoch, Alberta	Friday, January 16, 2015 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kari McDonald, Westmoreland Coal Company, Manager, Environment and Regulatory Affairs ▪ Kevin Peters, Project Manager, Regulatory, Millennium EMS Solutions Ltd. ▪ Dan Meyer, Lifeways of Canada ▪ Jim Gendron, LTG Consulting ▪ Steven Smid, Pisces Environmental

Number of Participants in the CEAA / AER Information Sessions and Robb Trend Project Contacts

The Information Sessions were sponsored by CEAA and the AER. The principal purpose was to encourage members of the public to learn about and comment on the Joint Review Panel terms of reference and agreement. This included stakeholders with a specific interest, for example people interested or concerned with the Project as well as other industrial operators in the project area and Aboriginal people. People were asked to attend and provide specific comments on the draft Agreement to establish a Joint Review Panel for the Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project and the draft Terms of Reference to guide the Joint Panel's process. Secondly, Robb Trend Project representatives were present and available to provide project specific information and follow-up if requested.

While there was no formal participant registration completed by CEAA / AER leaders, they kept a tally of the number of people who attended each Information Session. If people approached Robb Trend Project staff with a specific interest or request a contact record was kept for follow-up. The contact record included the person's name, the interest, need or concern they had along with their contact information.

The following table shows the total number of people who attended each of the afternoon and evening Information Sessions. Everyone who attended also approached one or more Robb Trend Project representatives. The range of interests people identified are included. The number of people who spoke directly to Robb Trend Project staff on a specific interest, concern or need related to the Robb Trend Project have been provided.

Location	Total Attendance	Robb Trend Project Interests and Number of Contacts for Follow-up
Holiday Inn Hinton Hotel 393 Gregg Avenue Hinton, Alberta Tuesday, January 13, 2015	18 people	Participant Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Nations leaders ▪ Trappers / Fur Resource Management Area permit holders ▪ Robb Residents ▪ Environmental Advocacy Groups / Environmental Non-Government Organizations (ENGO) ▪ Coal Valley Mine Employees 8 people identified specific interests or concerns and requested follow-up
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 5016 5 Avenue Edson, Alberta Wednesday, January 14, 2015	10 people	Participant Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anglers ▪ ENGOs ▪ Coal Valley Mine Employees 2 people identified specific interests or concerns and requested follow-up
Robb Community Hall 5101 52 Ave Robb, Alberta Thursday, January 15, 2015	31 people	Participant Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robb Residents ▪ Coal Valley Mine Employees ▪ Yellowhead County Council ▪ Robb Hamlet Preservation Association ▪ Trapper / Fur Resource Management Area permit holder ▪ Anglers 10 people identified specific interests or concerns and requested follow-up
Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort 300 East Lapotac Blvd Enoch, Alberta	3 people	Participant interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robb residents (second home owners) ▪ Aboriginal organization All 3 people spoke with Robb Trend Project representatives. No one requested follow-up.

Total Number of Participants	72 people	20 people identified interests, needs or concerns for which they requested follow-up
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Note: The majority of people - 68 out of 72 - did not specifically express concern about the Robb Trend Project proceeding. They did, however, reinforce interests, needs and concerns that had been identified during the Robb Trend Application preparation and during the engagement events that were provided following submission of the application in April 2012.

Interests, Concerns and Needs Identified

The general interests, needs or concerns people identified for the Robb Trend Project are noted in the table below. Based on the comments received, they have been themed among: Access, Surface and Ground Water, Coal Valley Mine Current Operations, Hamlet of Robb Potential Impact, Fisheries and Return of Crown Land Following Reclamation. A CVRI Robb Trend Project response provided during previous public engagement activities has been included.

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<i>Recreational Access</i>	Access to public land within the permit boundary before mining occurs.	<p>CVRI will continue to allow access to those areas where mining will not occur or is completed as long as public safety is maintained.</p> <p>Only those areas of active mining plus a set back for safety are posted for no access. Areas that will not be mined for a number of years are still available for public access. Access management plans and restrictions may be put in place, however, if there are public safety concerns with, for example, mine exploration or mine infrastructure construction activities.</p> <p>We continue to encourage regional recreational use where it's appropriate. During past public engagement activities, ATV users clubs in the region provided CVM representatives with a map of commonly used trails. CVRI continues to refer to this information during mine planning.</p> <p>CVRI is an active participant in the Foothills Recreation Management Association (FRMA). The group supports outdoor recreation facilities and use in the region.</p> <p>CVRI representatives will work with all recreation users to accommodate access through the mining area before, during and after active mining.</p> <p>CVRI representatives have encouraged and will continue to encourage Robb residents to describe their traditional access routes for recreational use (e.g., ATV uses, hiking, biking, access to Silkstone and Lovett Lakes for disable people). In this way CVRI can determine the options for maintaining safe access either through detours around active mining or by designated and safe access routes between active mine areas.</p>

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<i>Surface and Ground Water</i>	Concern surrounding industrial impacts to surface water quality in the watershed, including in the Lovett, Erith and Embarras Rivers.	<p>As part of the EIA, CVRI is required to investigate surface water resources and potential impacts. This includes both water flows and quality. All current CVM surface and groundwater monitoring (before, during and after mining) is tested for numerous elements.</p> <p>Coal Valley is responsible to ensure mining operations adhere to the existing EPEA approval and report non-compliances to that approval to the provincial regulator. In some cases, these non-compliances are also reported to the federal regulator. Coal Valley remains committed to minimizing the impact on surrounding waterways and ensuring that the EPEA approval is the minimum standard for surface water discharges</p>
	Algae growth in the Embarras River; please review the source of algal growth in the river.	CVM contracted with a consultant to assess water quality with the aim of determining the amount of algae growth and its likely source in the Embarras River. An assessment was completed in the autumn of 2012 and another follow-up completed in August 2013. CVM will continue to monitor and report on the situation.
	Concern about residential water wells in Robb and the impact of mining.	<p>CVRI has established 10 groundwater monitoring wells within and around the Robb community. These allow for study and ongoing monitoring of the water table levels and water quality.</p> <p>CVRI has developed a groundwater water quantity and quality monitoring and reporting program. The company has also proposed water well replacement policy (yet to be finalized and approved) as part of the discussion in the development of a community agreement.</p>
<i>CVM Current Operations</i>	I'm disabled and am an avid angler. CVRI has locked gates and limited access to Silkstone and Lovett Lakes where I formerly had permission to drive. Can I make arrangements to get access again?	<p>CVRI representatives will work with all recreation users to accommodate access through the mining area before, during and after active mining.</p> <p>CVRI CVM approach in the past has been to encourage someone with a disability who is interested accessing Silkstone Lake for angling, they can contact the mine office and arrangements can be made to have them get to the lake to fish if it is safe to do so.</p> <p>A review of the situation noted will be completed and follow-up will be provided to see if safe access by vehicle to Silkstone and Lovett Lakes can be provided.</p>
<i>Hamlet of Robb – Potential Impacts</i>	Community concern with the inclusiveness of the residents' engagement in developing a community agreement.	CVRI has begun to engage the RHPA executive in discussions with the intent of developing mutually acceptable agreement. The agreement is proposed to account for ongoing involvement of a cross section of the community through a Community Advisory Committee that encompasses a range of organizations and interests in Robb. It also aims to propose a community investment

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		<p>framework, community policy statements that will apply during the duration of mining and land reclamation for the Project and recognition of regulatory requirements for maintenance of air, surface and groundwater quality and land reclamation that account for Robb community specific needs.</p> <p>Steps will be taken to begin to establish the Community Advisory Committee in 2015.</p>
	<p>Provide a larger buffer around Robb when mining approaches the community.</p>	<p>We agree that a buffer is appropriate to minimize community impacts. The mining closest to Robb is being planned to take place quickly to minimize the duration of any impact on the community. We anticipate mining on the east side of Robb (Robb Main) to take place around 2027, limited to the east side of Lost Creek. The current plan is to mine on the west side of Robb (Robb West) in about 2031.</p> <p>The originally proposed buffer was 500 meters for Robb Main, which has been increased to 800 meters and 800 meters for Robb West. Topographic features along with noise, dust and water management assessments were used to establish the proposed buffer. There are also limitations on the distance from the community based on the requirements of the Alberta Energy Regulator.</p> <p>The extent of the buffer is currently under discussion as part of the Robb Hamlet community agreement and may be revised as a result.</p>
	<p>Support of Coal Valley Mine for local business.</p>	<p>CVRI CVM leaders encourage local suppliers of goods and services to contact us to discuss opportunities.</p>
<p><i>Fisheries</i></p>	<p>A number of significant rivers and creeks will be disturbed once mining begins for the Robb Trend. The application is not clear on, nor does it create confidence in the results of reclamation of these rivers and creeks.</p>	<p>CVRI has successfully constructed stream channels and end pit lakes in the past (e.g. Silkstone Lake, Lovett Lake, Stirling Lake, Embarras Lakes/Pit 122 & Pit 142) and are confident they will be able to construct/implement the proposed compensation concepts to ensure that the productive capacity of fish habitat is maintained. While monitoring results for the Embarras Lakes system are preliminary, initial investigations suggest that the system is supporting Athabasca Rainbow Trout. Successful spawning in the constructed channels has been documented and densities in the Embarras Lakes and the channel downstream of the lakes are higher now than when assessed prior to mining.</p> <p>All of the above information has been confirmed by CVRI through continual monitoring of fish populations, water quality and benthic conditions in surrounding waterways.</p>
	<p>Concerned about Selenium and impacts on fish.</p>	<p>As part of the EA CVRI has investigated surface water resources and potential impacts. This includes both water flows and quality. All CVRI Coal Valley Mine surface and</p>

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		groundwater monitoring before, during and after mining tests for numerous elements including selenium.
Traditional Use	Concerns with impacts on hunting, fishing, gathering and community campsites.	<p>The Aboriginal Consultation Plan and Program for the Project represents a continuation of consultation efforts initiated in 2006 when aboriginal groups were first informed of the Project and subsequently undertook Traditional Use Studies as required.</p> <p>During Robb Trend Project application development, Project Leaders have been in contact and engaged a number of First Nations and Métis Groups to discuss their interests and traditional use activities. Coal Valley Mine representatives have developed ongoing relationships with people from a number of Aboriginal communities and will continue to engage them. Any who are new to the Project will be contacted and consulted so that their interests may be included in the final proposal for Robb Trend Project planning, design and implementation.</p> <p>As part of the EIA and Project application, CVRI is required to complete detailed wildlife and fisheries studies with special consideration for grizzly bears and large mammals. The studies consider wildlife and fisheries inventories, population numbers, habitat availability and utilization, travel corridors, natural mortality, hunting and angling pressures resulting from human access.</p>
Trapping	<p>The project will infringe on abilities to utilize my rights to a Fur Resource Management Area held under permit, how do I get compensation?</p> <p>There is a gate on the Coal Valley Mine site that is locked and won't allow me to get access to my trap line. Can I make an arrangement with the mine to have access through the locked gate?</p>	<p>As required by the Province of Alberta, CVRI will negotiate appropriate compensation with existing Registered Fur Management Area (RFMA) rights holders. The policy, procedures and guidelines concerning compensation are available on the Alberta Trappers Association web site at: www.albertatrappers.com.</p> <p>We have had several meetings with trappers holding RFMA agreements and have, wherever possible, assisted with access permissions that ensure safe travel across current CVM mining and reclamation sites for trappers to conduct activities within their RFMA.</p>
Return of Crown Land Following Reclamation	I can see areas where CVM has completed reclamation, at Silkstone and Lovett Lakes, for example. When are reclaimed areas going to be reclaimed for public use?	<p>A comprehensive land use plan including numerous end pit lakes is being prepared for the Project. Reclamation for the Project will be progressive with activities beginning immediately following mining. The land will be reclaimed and made available in stages once certified by the Provincial Government. This process has taken from 15 to 20 years post mining to ensure that the proposed end land uses will be successfully met.</p> <p>Current reclamation activity focuses on completion of work at the east end of CVM.</p> <p>Once reclamation is completed we apply to ESRD for a</p>

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		reclamation certificate. ESRD representatives then have to inspect the area applied for to ensure that it meets the regulatory requirements for certification. It can take some time for this to happen, for example, there has been an application for certification and release of an area of reclaimed land that was submitted over 4 years ago and Westmoreland Coal Company is still waiting for a response from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.