

WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY- COAL VALLEY MINE

April 21, 2015

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq Minister of the Environment 10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq,

RE: Canadian Environmental Assessment Act , Section 62, withdrawal of the Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project 61436

In accordance with Section 62 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, Coal Valley Resource Inc. ('CVRI') is requesting the withdrawal (termination), of the designated Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project 61436 (the 'Project') currently under Joint Panel Review with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Alberta Energy Regulator.

CVRI has reviewed the application, originally submitted in 2012, and has determined it necessary to withdraw the application. CVRI believes that at this time the Project requires additional review and planning to address concerns and improve upon the proposed environmental mitigation strategies.

Sincerely,

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