

NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on October 29th 2008, Xstrata Coal registered the Donkin Underground Exploration Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The objective of the proposed undertaking is to provide the Proponent with sufficient information and confidence in data with respect to the subsea geology, coal quality, hydrology and methane gas regime to determine the commercial viability of developing a longwall mine at Donkin.

The works associate with this registration will be executed in two distinct phases: the first, which will be executed in Year 1, i.e., 2009, will involve preparatory works both on the surface and subsea; the second phase will involve the use of a continuous minor system for a period of up to two years to remove an average of 2,000 tonnes of coal per day (approximately 0.5 million tonnes per annum). The work will take place from the existing mine yard and two subsea tunnels. Improvements to the existing surface infrastructure are planned and include the provision of power, the management of water and improvements to road access to accommodate the trucking of coal from the project site to various destinations via public highways.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Circulation Desk, Donkin Public Library, Donkin Elementary School, 81 Centre Ave., Donkin, NS
- Circulation Desk, Glace Bay Public Library, 121 Union Street, Glace Bay, NS
- Circulation Desk, James McConnell Memorial Library, Sydney, NS
- Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 218 MacSween Street, Suite 12, Port Hawkesbury, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 295 Charlotte Street, Sydney, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- EA website (when available) <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:
Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before November 28, 2008 or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca.

All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova Scotia Environment Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

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