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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
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**RE: Benga Mining Ltd. – Grassy Mountain Coal Project**

Dear Mr. Joshi and Mr. Maracle,

Benga Mining Limited (Benga), a wholly owned subsidiary of Riversdale Resources Limited, is proposing to develop a 4.5 million clean tonnes per year steelmaking coal mine, referred to as the Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the Project). Benga is filing the attached Technical Application(s) and accompanying environmental impact assessment (EIA) report as an Integrated Application package. Along with the EIA, Benga is submitting the following:

- pursuant to Section 66 under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) an application for an operating approval to construct, operate, and reclaim the Project;
- as an application for approval for a new coal processing plant under the *Coal Conservation Act* (CCA), (Part 5 Operation and Abandonment of Coal Processing Plants, Section 23(1)(a));
- as an application for approval for Mine Licences under the CCA (Part 4 Development, Operation and Abandonment of Mines, Section 11(b)) to construct, operate, and reclaim the associated open mine pit, a north rock disposal area, central rock disposal area, and south rock disposal area;
- as a *Water Act* (WA) application for approval to capture, collect, treat and manage surface runoff and groundwater as part of the water management program including development of an end pit lake;
- as a WA application to transfer surface water licences required for the Project and to divert surface and groundwater for use in the Project; and
- as a *Public Lands Act* (PLA) application to obtain a MSL (and applicable LOCs) to use crown lands within the Project's mine permit boundary.

An application for an approval under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012 (CEAA 2012)*, and a Mine Permit under the CCA (Part 4 Development, Operation and Abandonment of Mines, Section 10(1) (b)), was submitted to the AER under a separate cover on November 10, 2015.

Additional information requests provided by each regulatory agency for these applications are addressed in the attached Technical Application and the accompanying EIA.

The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 48 of the EPEA and the final terms of reference (FToR) issued by the AER on March 19, 2015 and in accordance with Section 19 of *CEAA 2012* and the Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to *CEAA 2012* issued by the Agency on June 13, 2015.

Correspondence regarding this integrated application package should be directed to the attention of:

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Sincerely,  
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