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Brad Johnston:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 2025 advising that Benga Mining Limited, now Northback Holdings Corporation, will not be carrying out the Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the project), as proposed in 2015. This letter provides you with notification that I have terminated the environmental assessment for the project in accordance with section 62 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.

A notice, informing the public that the environmental assessment for the project is terminated, will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference Number: 80101). The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) will also notify the Alberta Energy Regulator and Indigenous groups of the termination.

If the revised project described by Northback in its December 8 letter is described in the *Physical Activities Regulations*, Northback must submit an Initial Project Description to IAAC in accordance with section 10 of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA). In addition, the prohibitions under section 7 of the IAA may apply.

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If you have any questions about the termination of the project, do not hesitate to contact Candida Cianci, Director, Review Panel Division, by phone at <Contact information removed> or by email at <Contact information removed>

For any information related to submission of an Initial Project Description for the revised project, please contact Sean Carriere, Regional Director Prairie and Northern Regional Office by phone at <Contact information removed> or by email at <Contact information removed>.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, P.C., M.P.