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Public consulted on Raven Project and Port Upgrade

Close to 160 Port Alberni residents had the opportunity yesterday to ask questions and take a close-up look at the early plans for the proposed Raven Project and upgrade to the Port at Port Alberni.

“People asked about jobs, transportation routes and dust control,” said John Tapics, Compliance Coal CEO and President. “By speaking directly with residents, we were able to hear about their interests and answer their questions.”

The project would create about 250 jobs in the Comox Valley and Port Alberni. Although alternative transportation routes are still being examined, trucks may travel to the Port on existing industrial roads, the Inland Island Highway and Highway 4. On average, between three and four trucks per hour would travel to the Port. Rail is still an alternative if the community prefers it and it is cost competitive to trucking. Coal trucks, and port storage and transportation facilities, would be covered to eliminate or minimize dust.

Information panels described the environmental studies underway, the proposed port design and operations, and the provincial and federal environmental approval process. Members of the public asked questions and provided comments directly to the project team, environmental consultants and representatives from Southern Vancouver Island Railway and the Port Alberni Port Authority.

The Port Alberni Open House is the second in a series of public engagement opportunities designed to better understand community interests. Additional open houses will be held as part of the environmental assessment process.

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“We are committed to providing the public with clear, consistent and accurate information,” said Tapics. “Public participation is key to building a project that benefits and strengthens the community.”

Port Alberni has been identified as the preferred port for overseas transport due to its available facilities, proximity to markets and accessibility by both road and rail. Further studies are required to confirm this option.

The Raven Underground Coal Project, located in the Comox Valley Regional District, proposes to produce metallurgical or “steel-making” coal that will be used to make steel. Steel is made by combining steel-making coal with iron ore.

The proposed project requires federal and provincial environmental approval to proceed.

The proposed Raven Underground Coal Project is a project of the Comox Joint Venture. The joint venture has been created to explore the possibility of developing the Raven Underground Coal Project on Vancouver Island.

Compliance Coal Corporation, a Canadian resource company with corporate offices located in Vancouver British Columbia, is the majority partner in the Comox Joint Venture.

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