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Raven Project tests ground water

Crews are busy drilling two new test holes on the site of the proposed Raven Underground Coal Project. The holes, which may run as deep as 340 metres, will provide additional information about ground water conditions.

“The health of the ground water supply is of paramount importance,” said Raven Underground Coal Project CEO John Tapics. “We need to know everything we can about current ground water conditions so we can make the best possible decisions.”

The first hole will be drilled to meet the coal seam and will reveal ground water features and characteristics. Specialized instruments for monitoring pressure changes in and between coal seams will be inserted into the test hole.

A second hole, adjacent to the first, will be drilled to act as a test well. This test well will measure the ease with which water runs through the underground soil and rock. The tests will help determine if mining activity will impact the flow of ground water in the project area.

Once the project team has a better understanding of underground conditions, it can put together a water management plan that ensures ground water is protected.

“Modern mining design begins with environmental considerations and then puts processes in place that safeguard those considerations,” said Tapics. “Today’s mine plans are far more advanced and environmentally-focused than they used to be.”

The drill work is being completed by one of British Columbia’s largest water well drilling contractors, based in Duncan, on Vancouver Island.

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Mine construction will create jobs for up to 200 people in the local region and mine operation will provide training and employment for up to 200 employees in well-paying, full-time positions. It is expected that another 300-500 indirect jobs will be created as a result of mine activity.

The project is in the pre-application phase of the BC Environmental Office approval process. As part of this process, the community will have an opportunity to comment on the Application Information Requirements, which specify issues the project must address in its application for environmental approval. This document is expected to be available for public comment this spring.

“We are committed to working together with the community, First Nations and all levels of government to develop a project that is environmentally and socially responsible,” said John Tapics, Compliance Coal CEO and President.

In advance of the provincial environmental process, the Raven Project has held a number of community, local government and First Nations meetings and a public open house to introduce the project and receive feedback. A telephone and email information line has been established to provide direct contact between the community and the project team.

These meetings will continue and more public open houses will be held once the Application Information Requirements are available for public review and comment.

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

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