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GEOPHYSICAL (line-kilometres)			
Ground			
Magnetic			
Electromagnetic			
Induced Polarization			
Radiometric			
Seismic			
Other	Downhole geophysics. 5 holes	327208, 327211	
Airborne			
GEOCHEMICAL (number of samp	les analysed for)		
Soil			
Silt			
Rock			
Other			
DRILLING (total metres, number of	f holes, size, storage location)		
Core	5 HQ core holes totalling 223.9 m. Stored at Glencore core shed, Chetwynd, BC	327208, 327211	\$134,950
Non-core			
RELATED TECHNICAL Sampling / Assaying	5 core holes and bulk samples. Geotechnical tests 10 samples	327242, 327243	\$912,027
Petrographic	,		
Hydrogeology Mineralographic	Hydrogeology and water management	327208, 327211, 327242, 327243	\$275,874
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PREPATORY / PHYSICAL			
Line/grid (km)			
Topo/Photogrammetric (sc	ale, area)		
Legal Surveys (scale, area	Current O OElem <sup>2</sup>	327208, 327211, 327242, 327243	\$31,811
Road, local access (km)/tra	Pood construction	327242, 327243	\$137,110
Trench (number/metres)	Test pit design, excavation and supervision	327242, 327243	\$566,108
Underground development			
Other	Fuel, accommodation	327208, 327211, 327242, 327243	\$58,237
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Sukunka property is located approximately 60 km south of Chetwynd in the Peace River Coalfield of northeastern British Columbia and lies within the western foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Sukunka comprises 36 British Columbia coal licenses held by Boreas Coal Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Glencore plc. The Sukunka exploration project is at the preparation stage for application of a British Columbia environmental assessment certificate.

The Peace River Coalfield lies within the Inner Foothills Belt, a Mesozoic sequence of folded and thrust faulted strata. Coal seams occur within the Gates and Gething Formations of Lower Cretaceous age. At Sukunka the main coal seams of interest lie within Gething Formation and include the Chamberlain, Skeeter and Bird Seams of the Upper Gething Member, and the B and E Seams of the Lower Gething Member. Coal seams generally dip gently (less than  $10^{\circ}$ ) to the southwest. Major thrust faults bound blocks of relatively undisturbed strata and generally trend sinuously to the northwest with throws up to 150 m and dips  $10^{\circ}$  -  $20^{\circ}$  to the southwest.

Exploration has been undertaken at Sukunka by Glencore since 2012. During the current reporting period this included bulk sample investigation of coal quality and coking coal characteristics and a geotechnical investigation of subsurface features for design criteria for proposed mine infrastructure development.



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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This report describes exploration activities conducted across the Sukunka property coal licenses between the August 2014 and the December 2015. McElroy Bryan Geological Services (MBGS) supervised all geological data acquisition during this time and has prepared this report on behalf of the license holder Boreas Coal Ltd. (a subsidiary of Glencore plc).

Two periods of exploration were conducted as part of the Sukunka Mine open pit feasibility assessment. A bulk sample of 11 tonnes of coal was excavated for pilot scale washability and carbonization coal quality analysis during August and September 2014. During November 2014 a geotechnical drilling and trenching program investigated subsurface conditions for the proposed mining infrastructure area (MIA) and coal handling preparation plant (CHPP). Information outstanding from the previous Assessment Report is also included with this report.

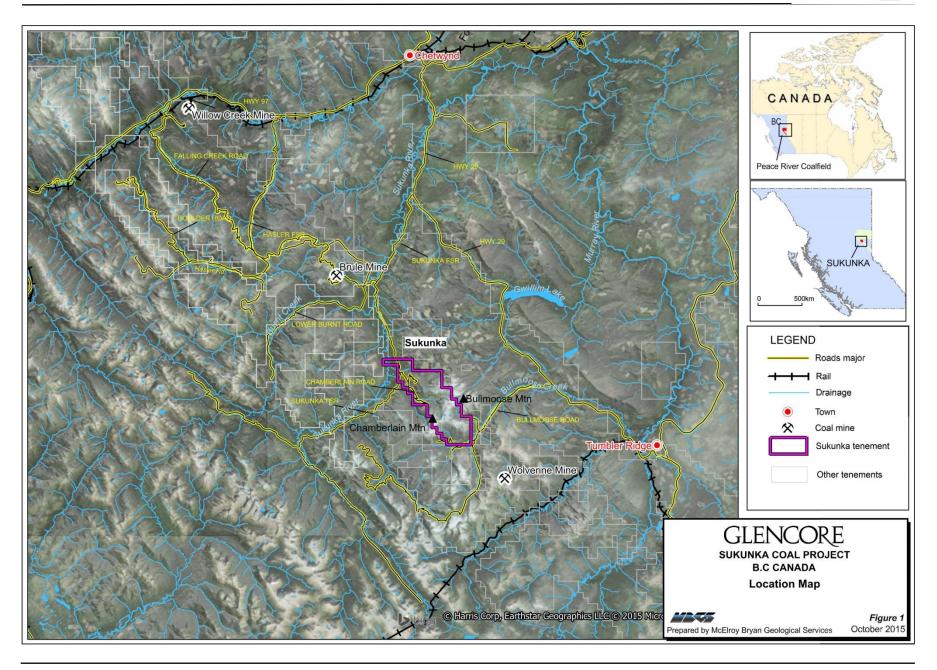
The exploration results summarised in this report are the product of data acquisition and interpretation by specialist consultants.

- Geological data acquisition and interpretation was managed on site by MBGS throughout the
  previous exploration program and during excavation of the bulk sample. Geological data from
  the geotechnical assessment program was acquired by Topaz under supervision by MBGS.
- **Geotechnical** investigation of the MIA and CHPP was administered by Westrek Geotechnical Services Ltd. (Westrek). Previous geotechnical investigation for pit slope design criteria was managed by Pitaeu Associates (Piteau).
- Ongoing geochemical assessment waste rock material for metal leaching and acid rock drainage potential (ML/ARD potential) at Sukunka is administered by Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) and supervised by Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. (KCB). Geochemical testing of samples from the bulk sample excavation site for ML/ARD potential was managed by pHase Geochemistry (pHase).
- Hydrogeological evaluation for baseline environmental characterization and for water quality compliance monitoring during the bulk sample excavation period was supervised by Knight Piésold (KP).

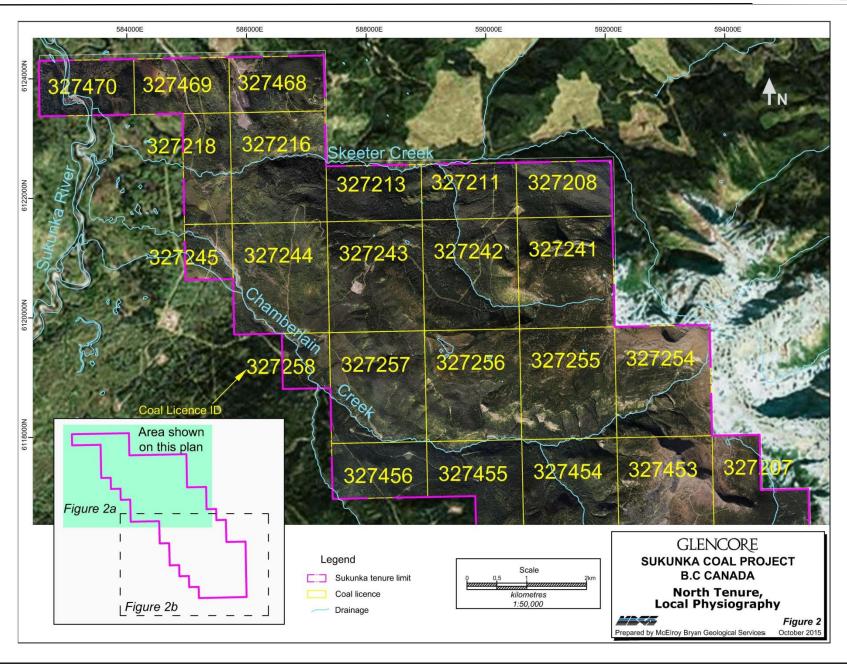
# 1.1 Property Location

The Sukunka coal project is located approximately 60 km south of Chetwynd in the Peace River Coalfield of northeastern British Columbia and lies within the western foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains (Figure 1). The property is accessed at 32.5 km on the Sukunka Forest Service Road which runs parallel to the Sukunka River from Highway 29. The Sukunka coal project incorporates 36 British Columbia coal licenses summarised in Table 1 and shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3. The exploration area lies east of the Chamberlain Creek and south of Skeeter Creek between 703 m and 1779 m (Mount Chamberlain) above mean sea level. Exploration described in this report was conducted in four coal licenses (see Table 1).

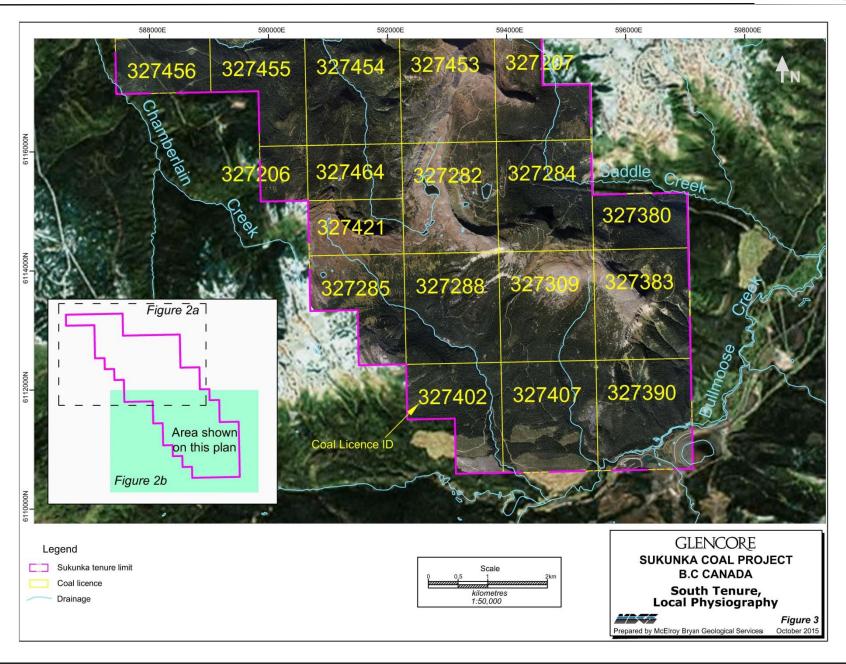














**Table 1. Sukunka Coal Licenses** 

Tenure Number	Tenure Type	Owner	Good Standing Until Date	Size (ha)	Exploration Conducted (Yes/No)
327206	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No
327207	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327208	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	Yes
327211	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	Yes
327213	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327216	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327218	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327241	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327242	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	Yes
327243	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	Yes
327244	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327245	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327254	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327255	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327256	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327257	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327258	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327282	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327284	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327285	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327288	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327309	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327380	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327383	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327390	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327402	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327407	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327421	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No
327453	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327454	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327455	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327456	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	296	No
327464	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No
327468	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No
327469	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No
327470	License	Boreas Coal Ltd.	31/12/2015	148	No



### 1.2 Exploration History

Exploration on the Sukunka property commenced in 1969 following acquisition of the Sukunka and Bullmoose coal licenses by Brameda Resources Ltd. (Brameda).

Historical exploration comprised four campaigns between 1969 and 1979 as ownership of the property changed. A total of 253 core holes and 66 open holes were drilled to assess the Gates, Upper and Lower Gething Formations (Figure 4).

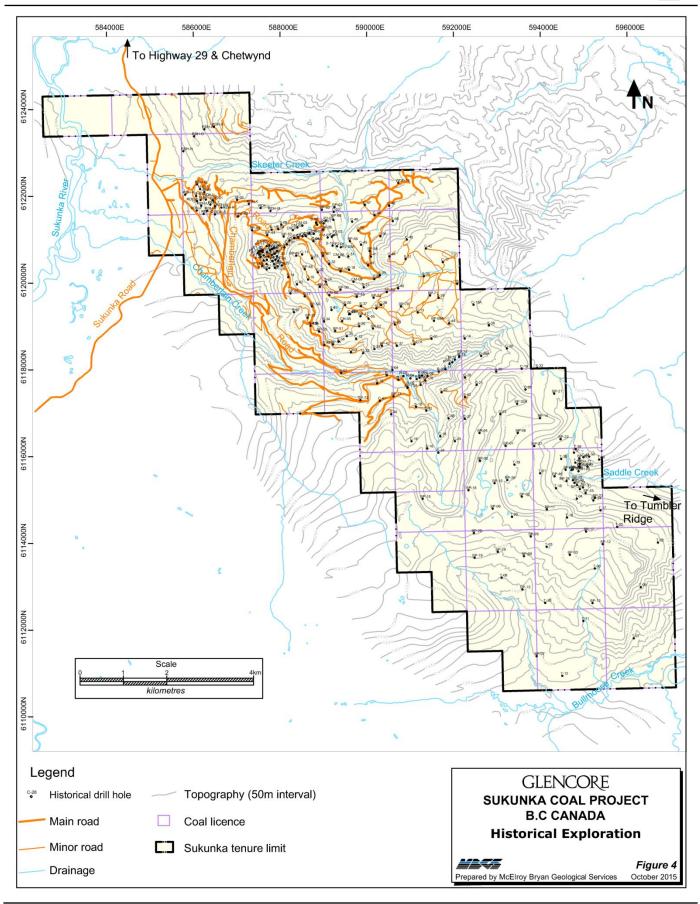
- Brameda (1969 1970)
- Teck Corporation Ltd. (1970 1977)
- Coalition Mining Ltd. (1971 1975)
- BP Exploration Canada Ltd. (1977 1979)

The majority of holes were geophysically logged and the data from the drilling is considered reliable. A large scale underground trial mine was excavated from 1972-1979 at two locations, the No 1 Mine and Main Mine in the Skeeter Seam. Six adits accessed the seams from which channel and bulk samples were extracted for coal washability testing. Extensive field mapping was also carried out across the northern part of the deposit with intermittent mapping across the rest of the deposit 59 trenches were excavated. Additional assessments with experimental seismic and of gas content were attempted but the results of both were considered inconclusive.

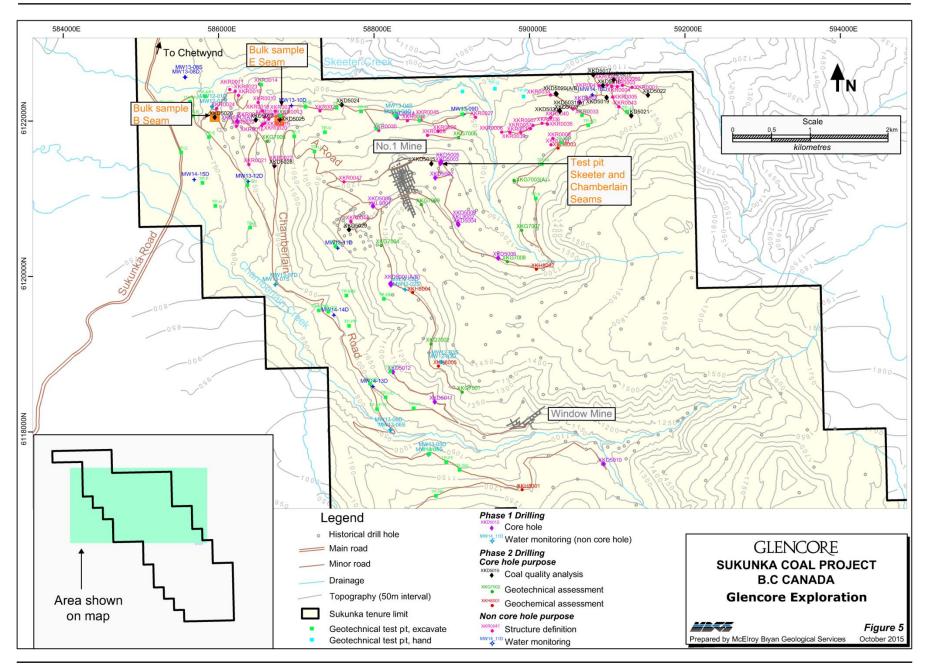
In 1973 pilot scale coking and blast furnace tests were undertaken on clean Sukunka coal by the British Steel Corporation at Port Talbot, Wales. The tests identified the Sukunka coal as an outstanding coking coal. In 1981, the British Columbia government granted provisional mine approval for detailed mine planning to BP Exploration Canada Ltd. but this was never realised.

Glencore plc (Glencore) conducted two phases of exploration between 2012 and 2014 to complement and expand on historical data for feasibility assessment of potential open cut areas. This included 54 HQ size (63 mm diameter core) holes, 18 non-core holes and two large diameter (6" diameter core) holes for seam correlation, coal quality analysis and geotechnical evaluation and 29 paired non-core holes were drilled for baseline hydrogeological evaluation (Figure 5).











### 1.3 Economic and General Assessment

The Sukunka deposit is currently under feasibility stage evaluation for potential open cut mining by Glencore. The deposit is considered to be well placed to provide high quality hard coking coal for steel production to the overseas market. Exploration indicates the Chamberlain Seam of the Upper Gething Member has an average raw ash of 5 % - 6.5 %, low sulphur (less than 0.6 %) and petrographic, swelling and caking analysis indicate this coal has the potential to be an excellent coking coal. Additional coal seams of both the Upper and Lower Gething Members are also considered potential mining targets and show suitability for blending to produce a high quality coking coal.

The last resource estimate of the Sukunka deposit was reported in December 2014 (Appendix A).



### 2 RECENT EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Exploration by Glencore between August 2014 and December 2015 occurred in two periods to expand feasibility assessment of potential open cut mine operations in two areas of the Sukunka deposit (Figure 6).

A bulk sample of Upper Gething Member coal was excavated from two connected test pits between August and September 2014 for pilot scale washability and carbonization testing. This supplemented Lower Gething Member bulk samples obtained from B and E Seams using 6" large diameter (LD) core during June 2014. Samples were analysed to assess possible coal product blends and coking characteristics.

During November 2014 five HQ core holes (XKG7010 – XKG7014) and five test pits (CHPP TP01 – TP04 and MIA TP-01) were trenched as part of preliminary geotechnical assessment of subsurface foundation criteria for proposed MIA and CHPP development. Available drill hole data is shown in Table 2 and recent drill hole details are presented in Appendix B.

Ongoing geochemical analysis for environmental assessment of potential waste material, overburden and coal material utilised grab samples and tailings samples from the bulk sample test pit. Test work was undertaken in accordance with the Notice of Work (1641111-201402), the Activities and Reclamation Permit (CX-9-054) and Waste Discharge Approval (107394) to discharge surface water.



# **Table 2 Drill Hole Summary**

						vailable Data		Geopl	hysics		Coal Quali	ty	Recent
Hole ID	Hole Type	Purpose	Depth (m)	Field Logs	Core/ Chip Photos	Geotechnical UCS	Geochemical Leach Test	LAS	Suite of Logs	Raw	Clean	Petrology	Exploration Period
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	48.16	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01S	Open	Hydrogeology	31.24	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-02D	Open	Hydrogeology	49.17	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-02S	Open	Hydrogeology	20.27	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-03D	Open	Hydrogeology	60.04	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-03S	Open	Hydrogeology	11.58	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	50.61	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	23.02	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	49.24	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	32.31	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	36.89	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	15.09	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW12-01D	Open	Hydrogeology	51.07	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW13-08D	Open	Hydrogeology	61.57	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW13-08S	Open	Hydrogeology	15.24	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW13-09D	Open	Hydrogeology	79.57	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Partial	No	No	No	No
MW13-10D	Open	Hydrogeology	61.26	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW13-11D	Open	Hydrogeology	89.63	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW13-12D	Open	Hydrogeology	52.13	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW13-12S	Open	Hydrogeology	31.17	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW14-13D	Open	Hydrogeology	99.71	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW14-13S	Open	Hydrogeology	32.62	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW14-14D	Open	Hydrogeology	63.10	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW14-14S	Open	Hydrogeology	33.84	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW14-15D	Open	Hydrogeology	47.10	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW14-15S	Open	Hydrogeology	32.01	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MW14-16D	Open	Hydrogeology	50.60	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Full	No	No	No	No
MW14-16S	Open	Hydrogeology	30.79	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
XKD5001	HQ Core	Coal Quality	68.28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5001A	HQ Core	Coal Quality	42.58	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	169	169	Yes	No



					A	vailable Data		Geopl	hysics		Coal Quali	ty	Recent
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XKD5001B	HQ Core	Coal Quality	43.31	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Partial			Yes	No
XKD5002	HQ Core	Coal Quality	74.86	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5003	HQ Core	Coal Quality	41.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5004	HQ Core	Coal Quality	122.64	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5005	HQ Core	Coal Quality	23.10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5006	HQ Core	Coal Quality	125.67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5007	HQ Core	Coal Quality	98.48	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5008	HQ Core	Coal Quality	128.14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5009	HQ Core	Coal Quality	98.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5010	HQ Core	Coal Quality	125.08	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5011	HQ Core	Coal Quality	133.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5012	HQ Core	Coal Quality	104.01	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5013	HQ Core	Coal Quality	74.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5013A	HQ Core	Coal Quality	62.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5014	HQ Core	Coal Quality	119.85	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XKD5015	HQ Core	Coal Quality	30.10	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5016	HQ Core	Geotechnical	53.03	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5017	HQ Core	Geotechnical	50.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5018	HQ Core	Geotechnical	50.05	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5019	HQ Core	Coal Quality	68.13	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5020	HQ Core	Coal Quality	80.05	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5020A	HQ Core	Coal Quality	68.01	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5020B	HQ Core	Coal Quality	61.94	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5021	HQ Core	Coal Quality	85.92	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5021A	HQ Core	Coal Quality	71.04	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Partial	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5022	HQ Core	Coal Quality	137.46	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	No	No
XKD5023	HQ Core	Coal Quality	104.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5024	HQ Core	Coal Quality	176.25	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	Yes	No
XKD5025	HQ Core	Coal Quality	33.25	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKD5026	HQ Core	Coal Quality	31.65	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>1</sup>	No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data provided subsequent to the 2014 Assessment Report



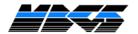
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XKG7001	HQ Core	Geotechnical	104.12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
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XKG7003	HQ Core	Geotechnical	196.98	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Partial	Yes	No	Yes	No
XKG7003A	HQ Core	Geotechnical	232.92	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	Yes	No
XKG7004	HQ Core	Geotechnical	188.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
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XKG7006	HQ Core	Geotechnical	101.21	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
XKG7008	HQ Core	Geotechnical	181.79	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Full	Yes	No	Yes	No
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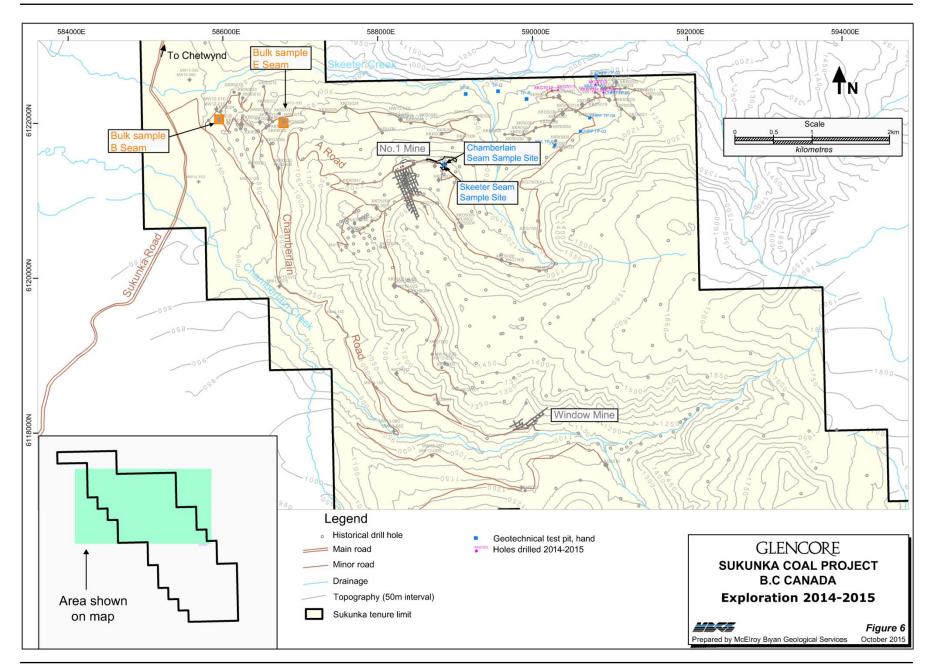


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XKR0015	Open	Exploration	100.00	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Full	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
XKR0016	Open	Exploration	100.00	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Full	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
XKR0017	Open	Exploration	100.00	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Partial	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
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XKR0022	Open	Exploration	100.00	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Full	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
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# 2.1 Bulk Sample Analysis

Between the 21<sup>st</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 bulk samples of Upper Gething coal (Skeeter and Chamberlain Seams) were extracted from two connected test pits. The site was located within the first five years of operation mine plan and supported by drill hole data from two HQ core holes (XKD5003 and XKD5005). Approximately 6.2 tonnes of Chamberlain Seam and more than 4.5 tonnes of Skeeter Seam were extracted. This complemented bulk samples of Lower Gething Member coal which had been obtained from a series of 10 LD core holes for B Seam samples and three LD core holes for E Seam during June 2014 (Figure 6).

The bulk sample was excavated in accordance with the Notice of Work (1641111-201402), the Activities and Reclamation Permit (CX-9-054), Waste Discharge Approval (107394) for surface water, Occupant License to Cut and the Mines Act (1996).

The Activities and Reclamation Permit required geochemical characterization of waste rock and coal material for ML/ARD potential which was managed by pHase Geochemistry (pHase). In addition, the products of pilot scale washability tests were assessed for ML/ARD potential as part of the geochemical environmental assessment by Stantec. Results are presented in Section 2.1.2.

Water quality compliance monitoring as required by the Activities and Reclamation Permit and the Waste Discharge Approval was supervised by KP and is discussed in Section 2.1.3



### 2.1.1 Coal quality/carbonization

Bulk samples were obtained from target seams of Upper and Lower Gething Member coal seams for assessment of coal washability characteristics, clean coal quality parameters and coking characteristics. Individual coal plies and ply blends were washed to compare possible coal product specifications and coal preparation plant recovery criteria. The program was designed Andy Myers of AB Mylec and Daryl Thomas of Glencore and reviewed by Ross Leader (an independent carbonization specialist) and Jeff Gerard of Glencore.

Bulk sample pit excavation and coal sampling was supervised on site by MBGS. It was important to prevent coal sample contamination by oxidised coal so initial light transmittance and free swelling index (FSI) tests were undertaken in the field by the site geologist. The results were substantiated by laboratory analysis of light transmittance, FSI, moisture content, volatile matter and calorific content at the ALS laboratory in Vancouver. After results indicated the coal was fresh, clean sections were cut from the face, sampled directly into plastic-lined barrels and weighed to ensure minimum mass requirements were met.

Core of the Lower Gething coal seams (B and E) was sampled ply by ply at the drill rig by MBGS geologists. The first hole drilled for each seam were sent to the ALS Vancouver laboratory for sizing, washability and coal product analyses to determine the plies to composite for washability and carbonization testing. A summary of results is contained in Appendix C.

Bulk samples were sent to either Hazen Research Inc (Hazen) for pilot scale sizing and beneficiation or directly to CanmetENERGY Natural Resources Canada (Canmet) for pilot scale carbonization testing in a Carbolite oven and/or sole heated oven carbonization tests. The resulting coke products were analysed for parameters including coke strength tests (CSR, CRI), fluidity, dilatation and mineral ash analysis. Petrographic analysis of raw and clean coal samples was undertaken at Pearson and Associates Pty Ltd. (Pearson). Bulk samples are shown in Table 3 and the analysis procedure is summarised in Figure 7.



# **Table 3 Bulk Samples**

		Weight of s	sample (kg)	
Sample analysis	Chamberlain Seam	Skeeter Seam	B Seam	E Seam
Laboratory coal quality (ALS, Vancouver)	100	100	150	150
Pilot scale washability (Hazen)	3265	5527	1050	-
Carbonization of raw coal (Canmet)	3600	150	150	150
Carbonization of clean coal (Hazen then Canmet)	2873	4152	619	-



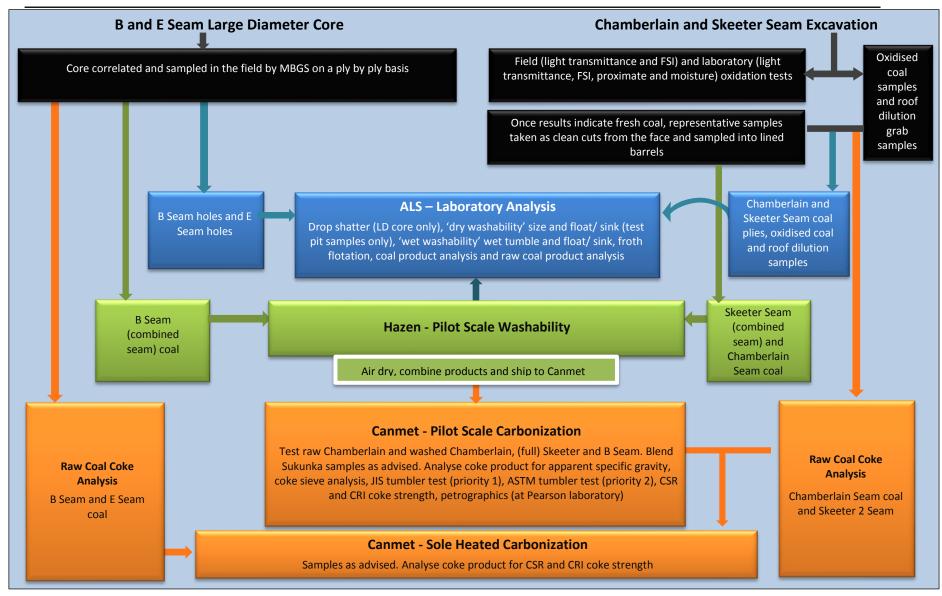
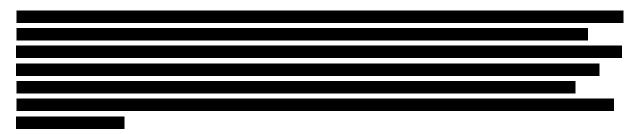


Figure 7 Bulk Sample Test Procedure



The floor of both the Chamberlain and Skeeter Seams is a hard, competent sandstone that is not considered a mining dilution problem. Grab samples were taken from the roof of each seam and oxidised coal was also sampled from both the Skeeter and Chamberlain Seam for assessment of possible dilution effects.



#### 2.1.2 Geochemical

Investigation of ML/ARD potential of waste rock, coal and overburden material at the bulk sample test pits were assessed by two consultants. Geochemical characterization of samples obtained from the bulk sample test pits was managed by pHase in compliance with the Notice of Work and the Activities and Reclamation Permit and as recommended by Khlon Crippen Berger (KCB, 2014). The ML/ARD potential of coarse rejects and fine tailings rejects from pilot scale washability products was assessed by Stantec. Sampling, analytical procedures and results are discussed in the reports contained in Appendix D.

pHase conducted static tests on 18 samples from key stratigraphic units taken by the supervising MBGS geologist under guidance from KP (Figure 8). Location of samples on the plan are approximate. Tests included acid base accounting (ABA) and multi-element analysis on all samples with shake flask extraction tests (SFE) on seven samples and mineralogical analysis on four samples.

Stantec analysed four samples of Chamberlain, Skeeter and B Seams for metal leaching using static tests (as outlined above with additional net acid generation (NAG) tests) and kinetic testing in laboratory humidity cells. Coarse rejects and dewatered tailings were combined for both the Chamberlain and Skeeter Seam samples and B Seam samples comprised a heavy media coarse reject sample and a flotation tailings sample. The results of the kinetic tests substantiated current static test results.

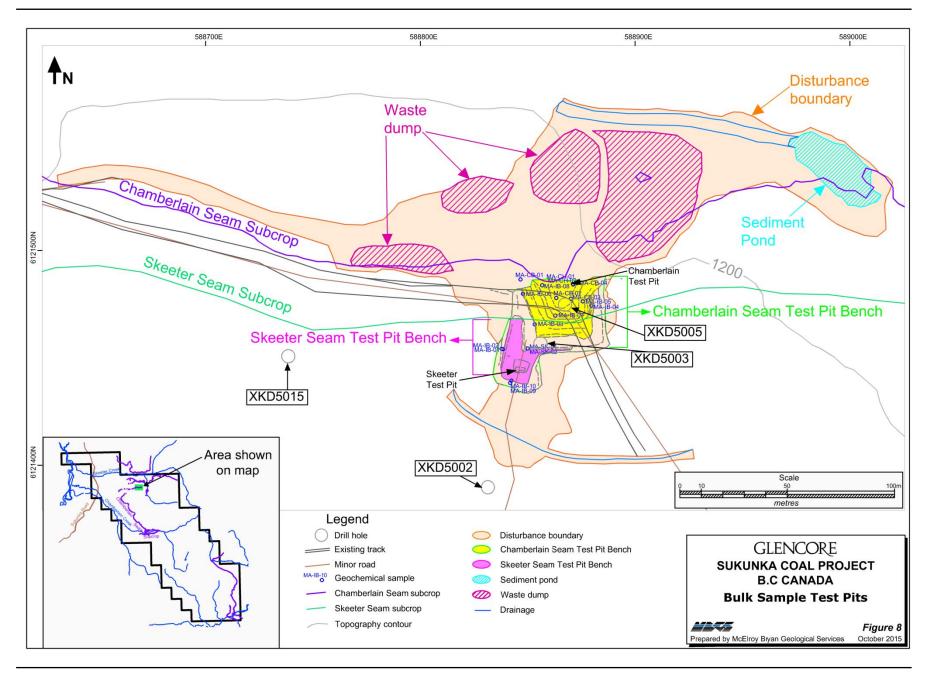
Overburden and interburden material as well as the coarse rejects of the Chamberlain, Skeeter and B Seams were identified as not potentially acid generating (PAG). B Seam flotation tailings, coal seams and waste material from the immediate roof of coal seams are mostly considered PAG and tailings would require blending before deposition. The main acid producing mineral was pyrite and the key acid consuming mineral was dolomite-ankerite.

The Skeeter and Chamberlain Seams coarse rejects showed leaching of selenium with a marginal aluminium exceedance from the Skeeter Seam rejects compared to industry guidelines. The B Seam exhibited selenium and cadmium exceedances from the coarse rejects and a marginal cadmium exceedance in the flotation tailings. Concentrations of metals generally stabilized after five weeks in the humidity cells.



Metal analysis of test pit grab samples reported elevated bismuth, chromium, nickel and selenium concentrations with a potential for selenium leaching at neutral pH. Leach extraction tests indicated that waste materials were generally buffered (pH 6.9 to 8.3) with the exception of the Chamberlain Seam roof (pH 4.6). At acid pH potential metal leaching could include sulphate, cadmium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, nickel and zinc.







### 2.1.3 Hydrogeology

Water quality compliance monitoring was supervised by KP for the duration of the bulk sample excavation as required by the Activities and Reclamation Permit and the Waste Discharge Approval.

Water samples were collected in accordance with British Columbia best practice and guidelines and details of sample, analytical and QA/QC procedures are contained in the Sukunka Bulk Sample Program Water Quality Monitoring Report issued by KP in Appendix D.

Samples from groundwater and surface sources were required weekly from the sediment pond during periods of discharge with before and after the bulk sample excavation from a downstream tributary and groundwater monitoring well MW13-04. Samples were collected by KP and Glencore staff after completion of the bulk sample because standing water was not observed during the excavation period. Ongoing monitoring is required.

Samples were analysed for physical tests (such as hardness, pH, alkalinity, total dissolved and suspended solids and turbidity), dissolved anions, nutrients, total and dissolved metals, organics, hydrocarbons (extractable petroleum and PAHs) and BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and Xylene). Although a few surface water exceedances of the guidelines were recorded at the point of discharge, none were recorded at monitoring locations and no exceedances of ground water quality guidelines were recorded. The sediment pond recorded concentrations of nitrate and nitrite and selenium exceeded guideline concentrations in surface water but concentrations were below guidelines in samples collected the same day downstream.

#### 2.1.4 Survey

The bulk sample test pit site was surveyed by the Integrated ProAction Group (IPac). Details of IPac survey data are located in Appendix E.

The survey was completed using a Trimble GNSS R8 RTK base Station and receiver following standard survey practices in accordance with Trimble guidelines. This survey equipment configuration can provide accuracy in the order of 5 cm in the vertical and the horizontal according to the manufacturers' specifications.

Control points were established in areas with a clear sky view and in good line of sight in all directions to avoid multipath interference. These points were all subsequently processed using Natural Resource Canada Geodetic Survey Division's Precise Point Positioning System to obtain a precise vertical and horizontal location and elevation. Positions are ground coordinates and are valid in UTM Zone 10 N map projection (NAD83) with elevations above mean sea level, orthometric height CGVD28 (HTv2.0).

### 2.1.5 Physical work

Clearing and excavation of the bulk sample test pits was undertaken by Duz Cho Construction Ltd. (Duz Cho). This included relocation of the access road, clearing of the site, construction of erosion and sediment control structures, excavation of the bulk samples and the final site clean-up. Drill and blast procedures were managed by Extreme North.



Design and implementation erosion of the erosion and sediment control plan was overseen on site by KP who approved the final construction. Details are presented in Appendix D.

All physical work was undertaken in accordance with the Notice of Work (1641111-201402), the Activities and Reclamation Permit (CX-9-054), Approval (107394) to discharge surface water, Occupant License to Cut and the Mines Act (1996).

Disturbance has remained within prescribed limits. Figure 8 shows the test pit disturbance boundary.

# 2.2 Geotechnical Exploration

A geotechnical program to investigate subsurface foundation design criteria in the proposed MIA and CHPP locations commenced in November 2014 and incorporated five core holes (HQ size) and five trenches. Geotechnical data acquisition and analysis was managed on site by Westrek. Geological data was acquired by John Stokmans of Topaz.

All physical work was undertaken in accordance with the Notice of Work, the Activities and Reclamation Permit, the Occupant License to Cut and the Mines Act (1996).

### 2.2.1 Drilling

Five holes (XKG7010 to XKG7014) fully cored from bedrock were drilled between the 30<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as part of a geotechnical assessment of subsurface conditions for the proposed MIA and CHPP (Figure 6). Available geological drill hole data is shown in Table 2 and drill hole details are presented in Appendix B.

A total of 224 m were drilled by Westech Drilling using a track mounted SIMCO 2800 HSC drill rig. All holes were geologically logged at the drill rig by Mr Stokmans who had assisted MBGS during the 2014 exploration program and was trained in MBGS core logging procedures. Geological data collection was supervised remotely by MBGS and data was reviewed on a daily basis. Geological drill data including lithological logs of surficial drill cuttings and core and photographs are contained in Appendix F. Geological qualifications are presented in Section 4.

After completion of the geological logs, the core was geotechnically logged by Westrek and representative samples were taken for uniaxial compressive strength testing (UCS) and slake durability tests. Core was then boxed for transportation with all drill core and cuttings stored at the Glencore core shed in Chetwynd.

Drilling information including loss of circulation and poor drilling conditions was recorded and on completion each hole was grouted from bottom to surface.

Geological logging data was entered into Prolog software to produce lithological graphics to enable depth corrections to geophysical logs. Data was validated by MBGS using excel functions and by drill core comparison to geophysical logs and core photographs. Final data was saved in Prolog, exported to csy files and stored on the server at the Vancouver office.



# 2.2.2 Geophysical

All holes were geophysically logged by Weatherford. A standard suite of sondes was used where possible and included:

- density, gamma and caliper
- sonic
- neutron
- resistivity
- verticality
- dipmeter

All drill holes had to be replenished with water to obtain geophysical logs due to down hole conditions and standing water levels were taken from the sandstone porosity log prior to this. Hard copies of the recent geophysical logs are stored at the Chetwynd office with duplicates stored at the Vancouver office. Digital data is saved on the Glencore server at Vancouver. Geophysical data (LAS format) is included in Appendix F.

The geophysical logs are used to correct lithological boundaries from field logging to accurately assign core loss to the appropriate lithological horizon throughout the hole and with particular reference to core loss in coal seams. Core recoveries are considered excellent with more than 89 % recovery of coal seams in holes XKG7010 to XKG7014. Geophysical signatures also assist in the interpretation of structural features and provide greater confidence for seam correlation.

### 2.2.3 Coal quality

Drill holes XKG7010 and XKG7012 to XKG7014 were sampled for coal quality analysis to supplement sparse data in the northeast of the deposit. Sample procedures were prepared by MBGS who sent analytical advice to ALS, Vancouver. Coal seams were sampled by Topaz and were couriered to Vancouver for analysis. The results were reviewed and validated by MBGS and Glencore employees. Quality results and laboratory standards can be found in Appendix G.

Coal quality analytical results indicate that key coal quality characteristics of the Chamberlain Seam in the northeast are consistent and within expected parameters. Figure 9 shows the average raw coal quality characteristics in this area. The Skeeter Seam is not present in this location.



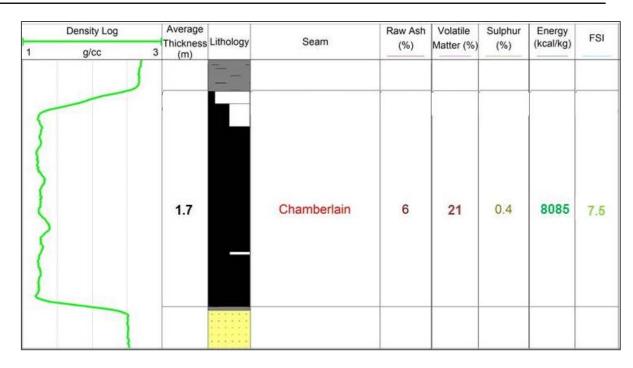


Figure 9 Average Raw Coal Quality Characteristics

### 2.2.4 Geotechnical

A preliminary assessment of subsurface conditions for foundation design for proposed MIA and CHPP development was managed on site by Westrek. The report issued by Westrek is included in Appendix H and discusses sample procedures and results.

General terrain conditions were assessed using aerial photos and computer modelling for slope design criteria. Five drill holes fully cored from bedrock were geotechnically logged and 10 representative samples of surficial soils and bedrock were taken at the drill rig. Samples were tested at Golder Associates Ltd in Burnaby for uniaxial compressive strength (UCS) and three samples were analysed for slake durability.

Five test pits were excavated to assess surficial soils at the proposed MIA and CHPP location and at an alternative location to the southwest. Two samples from test pit TP-04 at the alternative location were sent for moisture content and Atterberg limits.

Westrek concluded that the sandstone, siltstone and mudstone units are medium strong to very strong and would be suitable for bulk engineered fill if concerns regarding differential settlement were addressed during construction. Further analysis would be required at the detailed design stage with drilling recommended towards the eastern and western ends of the proposed CHPP area and along the northern edge of the MIA. Development is geotechnically feasible based on a cut and engineered fill preliminary design.



### 2.2.5 Survey

Drill holes, new tracks and cleared areas were surveyed by the Integrated ProAction Group (IPac) Survey locations were identified and field verified by Glencore. Details of IPac survey data are located in Appendix E.

The survey was completed using a Trimble GNSS R8 RTK base Station and receiver following standard survey practices in accordance with Trimble guidelines. This survey equipment configuration can provide accuracy in the order of 5 cm in the vertical and the horizontal according to the manufacturers' specifications.

Control points were established in areas with a clear sky view and in good line of sight in all directions to avoid multipath interference. These points were all subsequently processed using Natural Resource Canada Geodetic Survey Division's Precise Point Positioning System to obtain a precise vertical and horizontal location and elevation. Positions are ground coordinates and are valid in UTM Zone 10 N map projection (NAD83) with elevations above mean sea level, orthometric height CGVD28 (HTv2.0).

### 2.2.6 Physical work

Physical work for the geotechnical program included construction of tracks and drill pads to allow access for drilling and support equipment.

All construction work was undertaken by Bump Construction Ltd. in accordance with the Notice of Work, Occupant License to Cut, Mines Act (1996) and Section 9 of the Water Act (1996) for stream crossings.

Disturbance has remained within prescribed limits. Figure 6 shows drill pad locations and roads that were constructed for drilling.



#### 3 PREVIOUS EXPLORATION PROGRAM

#### 3.1 Geotechnical

Previous investigations of geomechanical parameters for waste dump and pit slope design were managed on site by Piteau Associates. This program included samples tested rock strength parameters, such as uniaxial compressive strength (UCS) of key units as outlined in the previous Assessment Report (MBGS, 2014). A summary report of their findings is contained in Appendix I.

#### 3.2 Geochemical

As part of the Sukunka project environmental assessment, a comprehensive geochemical characterization of the ML/ARD potential of waste material, overburden and coal from the proposed open cut areas was conducted by Stantec and KCB (with assistance from SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.) to allow the design of prevention and mitigation strategies of possible adverse effects. Sampling and analysis was undertaken in line with leading practice guidelines and regulations. Details of samples, analytical procedures and discussion of results are presented in Appendix I.

A total of 638 representative samples were taken from drill core, 388 by Lorax Environmental Services Ltd (Lorax) in May 2013 and the rest by Stantec and KCB later in 2013 and 2014. Drill core and coarse rejects were submitted to SGS Canada Inc (SGS) for laboratory humidity cell kinetic tests and thee field bin kinetic tests were composed of drill core. Fine tailings, representative of waste samples became available in April 2015 for humidity cell tests. Kinetic leach tests are run for 63 weeks for waste rock and 49 weeks for coarse rejects. Due this timeframe final results are not yet available however current results of fine tailings humidity cells are presented in Appendix I. Mineralogical analysis included XRD-Rietveld of 15 selected core samples and six coal reject samples and petrographic analysis of 15 core samples.

Coarse rejects and tailings are considered PAG with the exception of the Chamberlin Seam. All samples of coarse reject have a relatively elevated solid-phase higher selenium content and showed correlated relatively elevated selenium leaching rates based on kinetic testing compared to industry guidelines.

Analytical results show that the majority of PAG waste rock will be generated from the Moosebar Formation with the remainder from carbonaceous material surrounding major coal seams. This includes within and up to 3 m below the Bird Seam, within and up to 5.5 m above the Skeeter Seam, within and up to 8 m below the Chamberlain Seam and within and up to 2 m above and below the B Seam.

Assessment of metal leaching shows selenium to be the major potential constituent of concern with high values reported from material in the Moosebar Formation, Skeeters Seam and interburden between the Skeeter and Chamberlain Seams (predominantly non-PAG) and coarse reject material (PAG) when compared with industry guidelines. Other elements that showed elevated concentrations are cadmium, lithium, antimony, cobalt, phosphorous, aluminium and sulphate however waste water would be diluted before entering the aquatic environment.



# 4 STATEMENT OF COSTS

A summary of annual expenditure is shown in Table 4.

**Table 4 Drill Hole Summary** 

<b>Exploration Work Type</b>	Exploration Task	Category	Total Cost
Bulk Sample	Excavation	Trench	\$525,612
	Supervision	Trench	\$30,221
	Geological support	Geological Support	\$55,031
	Lab testing (coal)	Sampling/assaying	\$581,536
	Survey	Survey	\$31,811
	Water management Hydrogeology		\$132,098
	Design	esign Trench	
	Fuel	Fuel, accommodation	\$35,651
			\$1,402,235
Drilling	Diamond drilling	Drilling	\$79,905
	Field drill support	Drilling	\$55,045
	Geological support	Geological Support	\$437,908
	Hydrogeology	Hydrogeology	\$143,776
	Lab testing (coal)	Sampling/assaying	\$279,322
	Fuel	Fuel, accommodation	\$14,125
	Geotechnical analysis	Sampling/assaying	\$51,169
	Hotel and accommodation	Fuel, accommodation	\$8,461
	Road construction	Road/local access	\$137,110
			\$1,206,821
		TOTAL Expenditures	\$2,609,056



#### 5 GEOLOGICAL REFERENCES

#### 5.1 Authors reference

#### Statement of Qualifications - Sukunka 2014 -2015

McElroy Bryan Geological Services (MBGS), 5-7 Havilah Street, Chatswood, NSW, Australia, 2067.

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I am currently employed as a Project Geologist at MBGS where I have worked since 2008. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science with Honours degree in geology from the University of Brighton, UK in 2008. I am a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists BC (APEGBC member number 179835), Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM member number 504526) and Australasian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG member number 5686). My work experience in Canada has included supervision of exploration at the Suska deposit for Glencore from November 2012 to February 2013 and at Sukunka from 2013 to 2014. I have also supervised coal exploration at numerous Australian projects, from greenfield projects to exploration adjacent to active mines and for both underground and open cut requirements. My role has encompassed drill supervision, geological and geotechnical logging and sampling, field mapping, training and mentoring junior and contract geologists, data management and analysis and statutory and internal reporting.

I supervised exploration on site at Sukunka during August and September 2014 and remotely supervised data collection during the November 2014 drill program. All details of the work performed are accurately described in this report and I am not aware of any relevant omissions.

Dated 13th November 2015.

Rebecca Getty. P. Geo.



# 5.2 Additional geological reference

John Stokmans of Topaz graduated as a mining engineering technologist from the Haileybury School of Mines in 1982. His experience includes 24 years in open pit coal mines in the Western Cordilleran regions of British Columbia and 14 years in production and engineering geology. This included seven years as Senior Geologist at Willow Creek Coal Partnership and incorporated core logging, geophysical log interpretation, planning, budgeting, implementing and supervising drill programs and 3D geological modelling.

John Stokmans was a geologist at the Sukunka project from March to May 2014 and was the site geologist responsible for data acquisition during the November 2014 drill program.



#### 6 GEOLOGY

## 6.1 Regional Geology

Sukunka lies within a northwest trending belt of coal-bearing strata known as the Inner Foothills Belt which extends for approximately 300 km in British Columbia. This belt lies within a Mesozoic sequence deposited to the east of a strongly folded Palaeozoic belt which crops out throughout the Rocky Mountains. The Peace River Coalfield is the northern part of this belt and contains coal seams of Lower Cretaceous age in the Gates and the Gething Formations (Figure 10).

The stratigraphic sequence at Sukunka comprises the Bullhead Group and the Fort St John Group (Figure 11).

- The Bullhead Group is a non-marine sequence and comprises the Gething and Cadomin Formations. The basal Cadomin Formation is a distinctive marker unit of coarse sandstone and conglomerate which is conformably overlain by the mudstone, siltstone, interbedded sandstone and coal seams of the Gething Formation.
  - The Gething Formation is locally subdivided into Upper, Middle and Lower Members. The Lower Gething Member comprises interbedded sandstone and thin coal seams overlain by the Middle Gething, a dominantly sandstone unit with siltstone and mudstone interbeds. The Upper Gething is a sequence of sandstone, siltstone and claystone units and contains the main coal seams of economic interest.
- The Fort St John Group conformably overlies the Bullhead Group and marks a sedimentary change in the basin from terrestrial to marine environment. This change is well represented by a glauconitic sandstone of coastal marine origin known as the Bluesky Member which is at the base of up to 200 m of uniform, well bedded marine mudstone and siltstone of the Moosebar Formation.
  - The Sukunka Formation is a fining-upward sequence of fine grained siltstone and sandstone conformably overlying the Moosebar Formation.
  - The Gates Formation overlies the Moosebar Formation and contains up to 11 coal seams which are economically significant south of Sukunka.
  - The Hulcross Formation and overlying sandstone, conglomerate, mudstone and thin coal seams of the Boulder Creek Formation only occur in the topographically highest areas of the Sukunka lease.

The Inner Foothills Belt was strongly deformed during the Laramide Orogeny which commenced during the Late Cretaceous and resulted in the development of compressional northwest trending structures that consist of tightly folded and thrust faulted anticlines and relatively undeformed synclines. In the Peace River Coalfield the Gething Formation often outcrops in these synclines. The Sukunka deposit is located in a syncline bounded to the southwest and northeast by major thrust faults and complex geological structures with multiple superimposed folds and thrust faults. The structure in the northeast is known as the Bullmoose Fault Complex.



## 6.2 Deposit Geology

The main coal seams of economic interest at Sukunka occur in the Upper and Lower Gething Members (Figure 12).

#### 6.2.1 Lower Gething Member

The Lower Gething Member crops out in the west and north of the deposit and comprises interbedded sandstone, claystone and nine coal seams (A – I). Based on limited data, the B and E Seams contain plies of potential economic interest and two additional coal plies in C and D Seams may also have some potential. Other plies are usually less than 1 m thick and tend to be carbonaceous. The upper boundary of the Lower Gething Member is a thin carbonaceous band known as the A Seam and the base of the Lower Gething Member has not been encountered in drill holes at Sukunka.

#### 6.2.1.1. B Seam

The B Seam comprises four plies, B23, B22, B21 and B1, with an average total thickness of approximately 4 m. Raw ash is varies from ply to ply with an average of 17 %. The base of the B Seam degrades below the B1 ply to a stony coal tending to carbonaceous claystone unit known as the BBB (Basal B Bone).

Interburden between B and E Seams is about 80 m of interbedded claystone and siltstone with thin coal bands that may be tectonically thickened.

#### 6.2.1.2. E Seam

The E Seam is approximately 3.5 m thick and separated into four plies. The E1 ply is the main coal interval with a thickness of 3.5 m and is overlain by three thin coal bands less than 1 m thick named E21, E22 and E23. Coal quality data is quite sparse for this seam.

#### 6.2.1.3. C and D Seams

Both C and D Seams are up to 2 m thick and comprise three recognisable plies. The main ply for the C Seam is the C2 ply with C1 and C3 plies usually occurring as carbonaceous bands below and above respectively. The D Seam has a more consist basal D1 ply which may be directly overlain by the D2 ply and a section of overlying coal bands that have been named D3. Coal quality data for these seams is currently available from only two holes.



#### 6.2.2 Upper Gething Member

The Upper Gething Member exists throughout most of the Sukunka deposit and contains the main coal seams of economic interest which are laterally continuous. Interburden lithologies are predominantly sandstone with interbedded siltstone and claystone.

#### 6.2.2.1. Chamberlain Seam

The Chamberlain Seam is the main seam in the Sukunka area. It is a hard coal without bands and varies from 2 m to 6 m thick where it coalesces with the Skeeter Seam towards the south of the deposit. Raw ash is relatively consistent and approximately 6 % on average with sulphur less than 0.5 %. Petrographic, swelling, caking and plastometric analysis indicate the seam has the potential to produce an excellent coking product.

The Chamberlain Seam is sometimes overlain by approximately 0.2 m of stony coal known as the Chamberlain Bone. The floor of the Chamberlain Seam is a hard medium grained thickly bedded sandstone across most of the deposit. In the northeast of the deposit, a thin (up to 1 m) coal band known as the Chamberlain Upper (CHU) splits from the top of the Chamberlain Seam.

Interburden lithologies between the Skeeter and Chamberlain Seams are consistently siltstones and claystones.

#### 6.2.2.2. Skeeter Seam

The Skeeter Seam occurs about 10 m above the Chamberlain Seam and consists of a thicker upper ply (SK2) and a thin, banded lower ply (SK1). The upper ply is more consistent with an average raw ash of 11% and approximate thickness of 1 m. The SK1 deteriorates to a carbonaceous claystone across most of the deposit and is 0.4 m thick on average.

This seam deteriorates in thickness and quality towards the south of the deposit and may be overlain by a thin (about 0.3 m thick) band of stony coal known as the Skeeter Bone.

The sequence between the Skeeter and Bird Seams is predominantly sandstone with subordinate interbedded claystone and siltstone.

#### 6.2.2.3. Bird Seam

The Bird Seam is the stratigraphically highest unit of the Upper Gething Member. The seam reaches a maximum thickness of 4 m in the south and thins to less than 1 m in the north. Splitting occurs only in the centre of the deposit. The Bird Seam is characteristically high in sulphur, up to 20% in sporadic samples and has a raw ash average of 18%. The Bird Seam is overlain by the Moosebar Formation of the Fort St John Group.



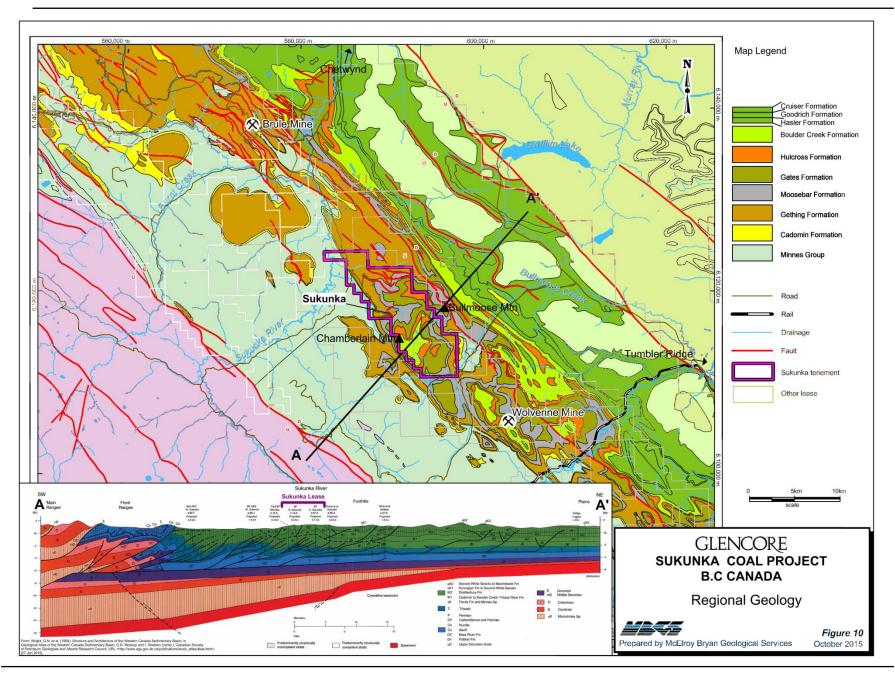
#### 6.2.3 Structure

Strata at the Sukunka deposit predominantly dip gently ((less than 10  $^{\circ}$ ) to the southwest and a number of gently folded anticlines have average limb dips of 2  $^{\circ}$  to 4  $^{\circ}$ . At least ten major thrust faults and numerous smaller intersect the strata and can affect rock strength characteristics. Major faults trend sinuously to the northwest with throws of 30 m to 150 m and dips of about 10  $^{\circ}$  – 20  $^{\circ}$  to the southwest, although both throw and dip are variable along the fault planes.

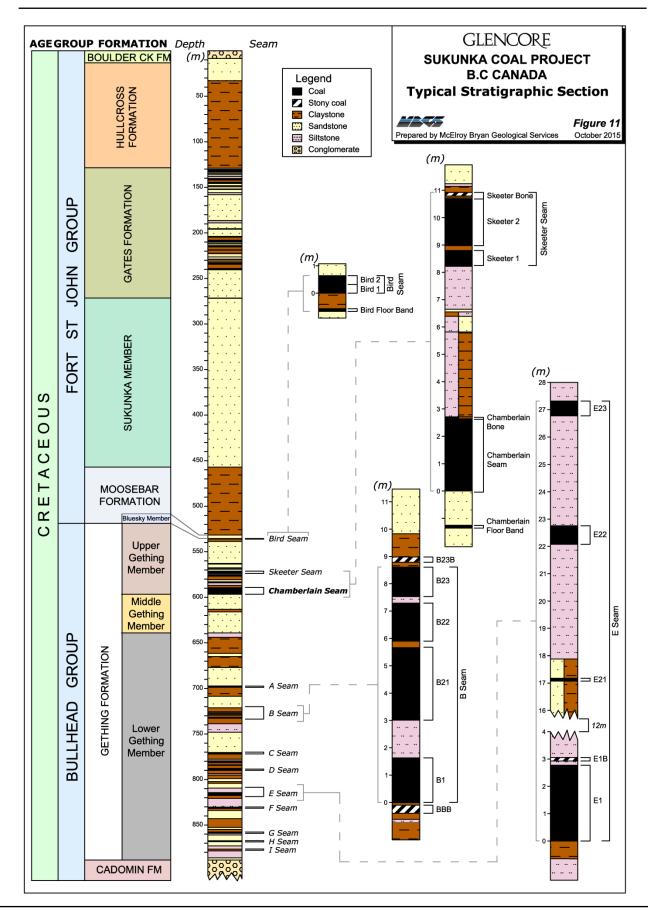
Coal seams are continuous or with minor disturbance within blocks bounded by the main thrust faults. These blocks have been interpreted as structural plates are thrust over each other. Geological cross sections are presented in Figure 13 to Figure 15.

Two areas in the northwest and far northeast of the deposit indicate a change in the structural trend with stepper bedding dips of up to 35 °. The main thrust faults in the northwest of the deposit may be a continuation of the major faults in the south and east but modified with steeper dips to the south-southwest.

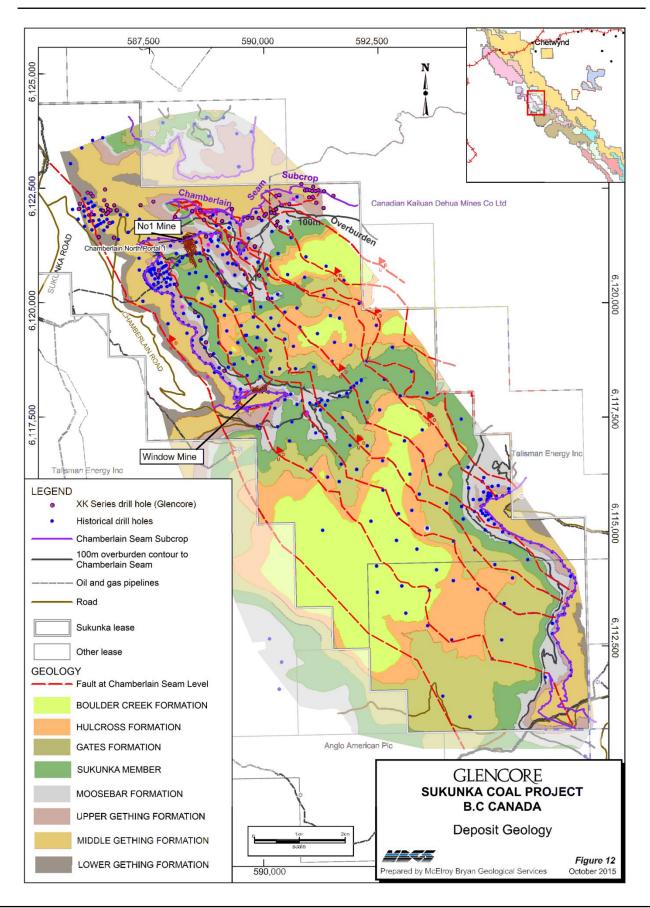




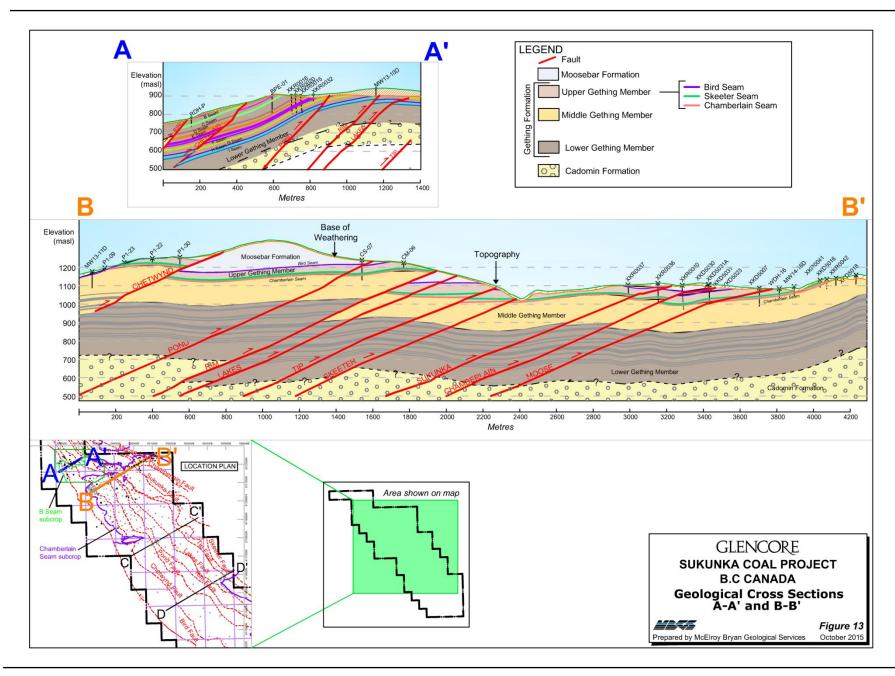




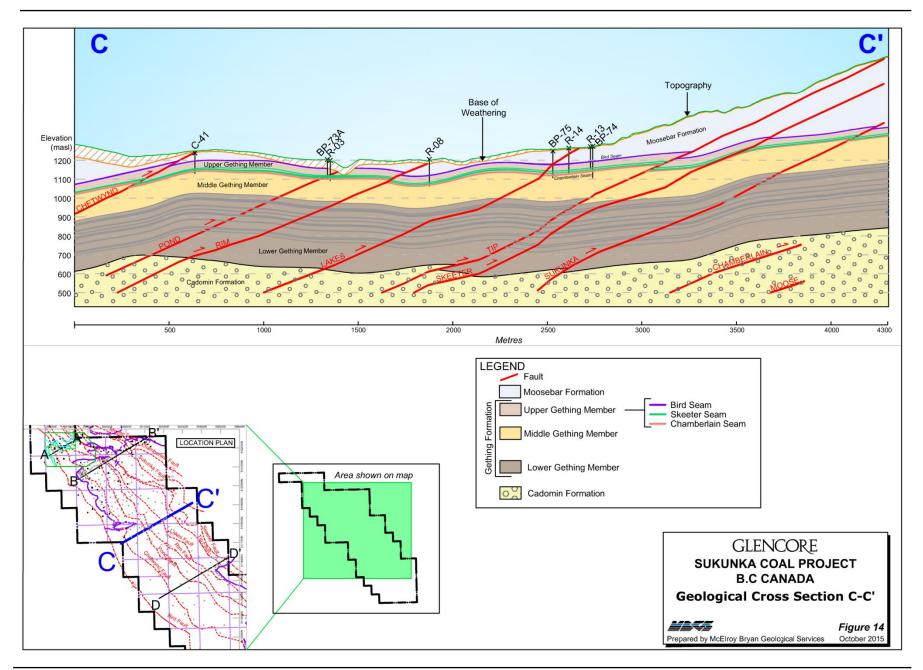




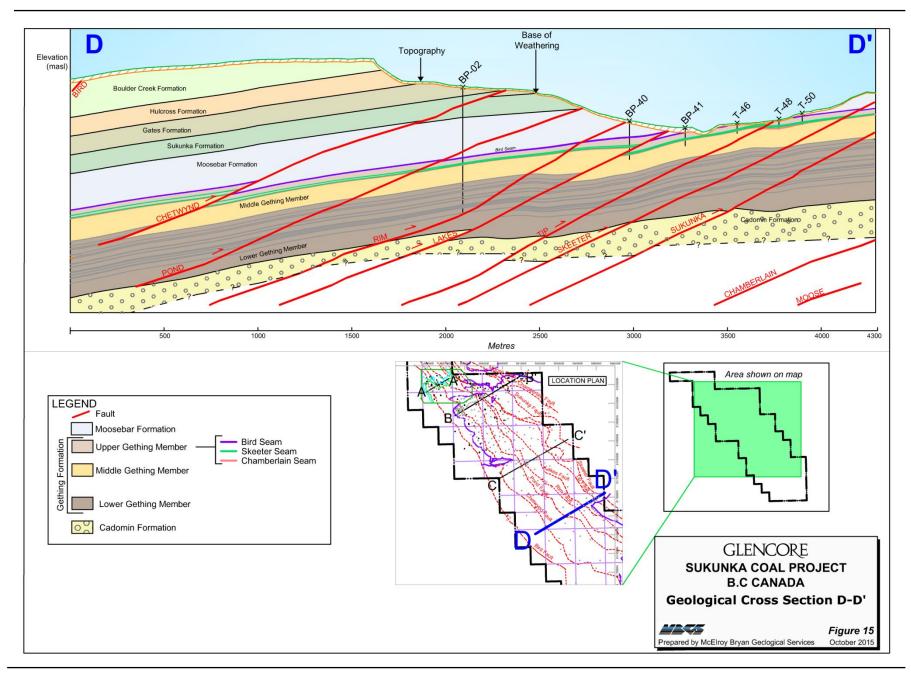














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Appendix A Competent Person Report 2014 - Coal Resources



Appendix B Drill Hole Data

#### 2015 Sukunka Drill Hole Details

DRILL HOLE		SURVEY DATA		TOTAL	CASING		CASING	CASING	CASING	CASING DATE	CASING DATE	CASING	CASING DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	ASING DATE	DATE	DATE	HOLE SIZE A	AZIMUTH GEOLOGICAL			RAW COAL	CLEAN COAL	
NUMBER	EASTING	NORTHING	COLLAR RL (masl)	DEPTH (m)	DEPTH (m)	DRILLED	HOLE TYPE	(mm)	DIP (o)	(o)	LOGS	LAS	PHOTOS	DATA	DATA	COMMENTS										
XKG7010	590814.16	6122498.39	1115.90	33.79	0.00	31-Oct-14	Core	96	90	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A											
XKG7011	590918.94	6122398.13	1124.06	47.57	3.30	2-Nov-14	Core	96	90	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A											
XKG7012	590251.49	6122422.42	1060.44	52.45	3.05	4-Nov-14	Core	96	90	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A											
XKG7013	590329.66	6122430.84	1060.71	51.23	7.88	6-Nov-14	Core	96	90	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sandstone laminae observed in seam										
XKG7014	590807.12	6122400.69	1090.12	38.83	7.62	8-Nov-14	Core	96	90	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	_										



Appendix C Bulk Sample Coal Quality Data

Bulk Sample	Seam	Sample ID	Number of Samples	Location Easting	Location Northing	Elevation (m)	Sample Type	Total Weight of Sample (kg)
Laboratory coal	Chamberlain	XKD-CHH-ALS	1	588871.53	6121484.85	1204	Pit	100
Laboratory coal quality	Skeeter	XKD-S2H-ALS	1	588844.96	6121444.19	1214	Pit	100
(ALS, Vancouver)	В	XKL9006	14	585953.03	6122049.75	781	LD Hole	150
(ALS, Valicouver)	E	XKL9015	6	586785.86	6122010.86	918	LD Hole	150
	Chamberlain	XKD-CHW-HAZ	1	588871.53	6121484.85	1204	Pit	3265
Pilot scale	Skeeter	XKD-SKW-HAZ	1	588844.96	6121444.19	1214	Pit	5527
washability (Hazen)	В	XKL9004, XKL9005, XKL9007 - XKL9014	111	585952.33*	6122039.09*	781	LD Holes	1050
	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbonization of	Chamberlain	XKD-CHR-CAN	1	588871.53	6121484.85	1204	Pit	3600
raw coal	Skeeter	XKD-S2R-CAN	1	588844.96	6121444.19	1214	Pit	150
(Canmet)	В	XKL9003	1	585952.75	6122046.70	781	LD Hole	150
(Califfet)	E	XKL9017	6	586784.11	6122016.83	1198	LD Hole	150
Carbonization of	Chamberlain	XKD-CHW-HAZ	1	588871.53	6121484.85	1204	Pit	2873
	Skeeter	XKD-SKW-HAZ	1	588844.96	6121444.19	1214	Pit	4152
clean coal (Hazen then	В	XKL9004, XKL9005, XKL9007 - XKL9014	111	585952.33*	6122039.09*	781	LD Holes	619
Canmet)	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>location of XKL9007 near site centre



Appendix D	Bulk Sample	Excavation	Specialist	Reports



Appendix E Survey Data



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### TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 2014

TO: John Anderson Glencore Canada

FROM: Aaron Blom

**Integrated ProAction Corp** 

RE: Summary of Surveyed Drill Hole Locations (Sukunka Property)

As requested, Integrated Pro*Action* Corporation (IPaC) surveyed exploration drill hole locations, cleared extents and a new built trail for Glencore's Sukunka property. Survey locations were identified by a Glencore representative. Surveying was completed on November 21, 2014, using a Trimble GNSS R8 RTK survey instrument. Points surveyed with this equipment configuration can be expected to be accurate within 5cm vertically and horizontally according to the manufacturer's specifications. Survey control was previously established by IPaC surveyors and utilized for the purpose of this survey. Horizontal positions are ground coordinates valid in UTM Zone 10 N map projection (NAD83). Elevations are orthometric height above mean sea level (HTv2.0).

Please find attached the Summary and Map of the Surveyed Drill Hole Locations, Cleared Areas and Built Trails.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Respectfully Submitted, Integrated ProAction Corp

per

Aaron Blom Project Manager

# Glencore Canada - Sukunka Property

# **Summary of Surveyed Drill Hole Locations**

Hole ID	Northing (m)	Easting (m)	Elevation (m)	Survey Date
MIA DH 01	6122422.4	590251.5	1060.4	November 21, 2014
MIA DH 02	6122430.8	590329.7	1060.7	November 21, 2014
XKG 7010	6122498.4	590814.2	1115.9	November 21, 2014
XKG 7011	6122398.1	590918.9	1124.1	November 21, 2014
XKG 7014	6122400.7	590807.1	1090.1	November 21, 2014

# **Summary of Surveyed Cleared Edge Locations**

Point ID	Northing (m)	Easting (m)	Elevation (m)	Survey Date
3	6122506.9	590802.4	1114.4	November 21, 2014
4	6122480.0	590808.4	1116.0	November 21, 2014
5	6122490.7	590837.8	1118.7	November 21, 2014
6	6122505.8	590835.9	1118.3	November 21, 2014
7	6122477.6	590860.6	1122.9	November 21, 2014
8	6122461.6	590850.1	1119.9	November 21, 2014
9	6122448.1	590858.0	1119.5	November 21, 2014
10	6122459.9	590874.7	1124.5	November 21, 2014

# **Summary of Surveyed Trail Centerline Locations**

Point ID	Northing (m)	Easting (m)	Elevation (m)	Survey Date
12	6122332.4	590875.5	1103.5	November 21, 2014
13	6122342.5	590877.5	1102.4	November 21, 2014
14	6122355.4	590880.5	1101.6	November 21, 2014
15	6122361.6	590877.2	1100.9	November 21, 2014
16	6122367.6	590868.6	1098.6	November 21, 2014
17	6122372.2	590859.2	1096.5	November 21, 2014
18	6122377.9	590845.4	1097.9	November 21, 2014
19	6122386.3	590833.0	1094.8	November 21, 2014
20	6122392.4	590819.4	1090.7	November 21, 2014

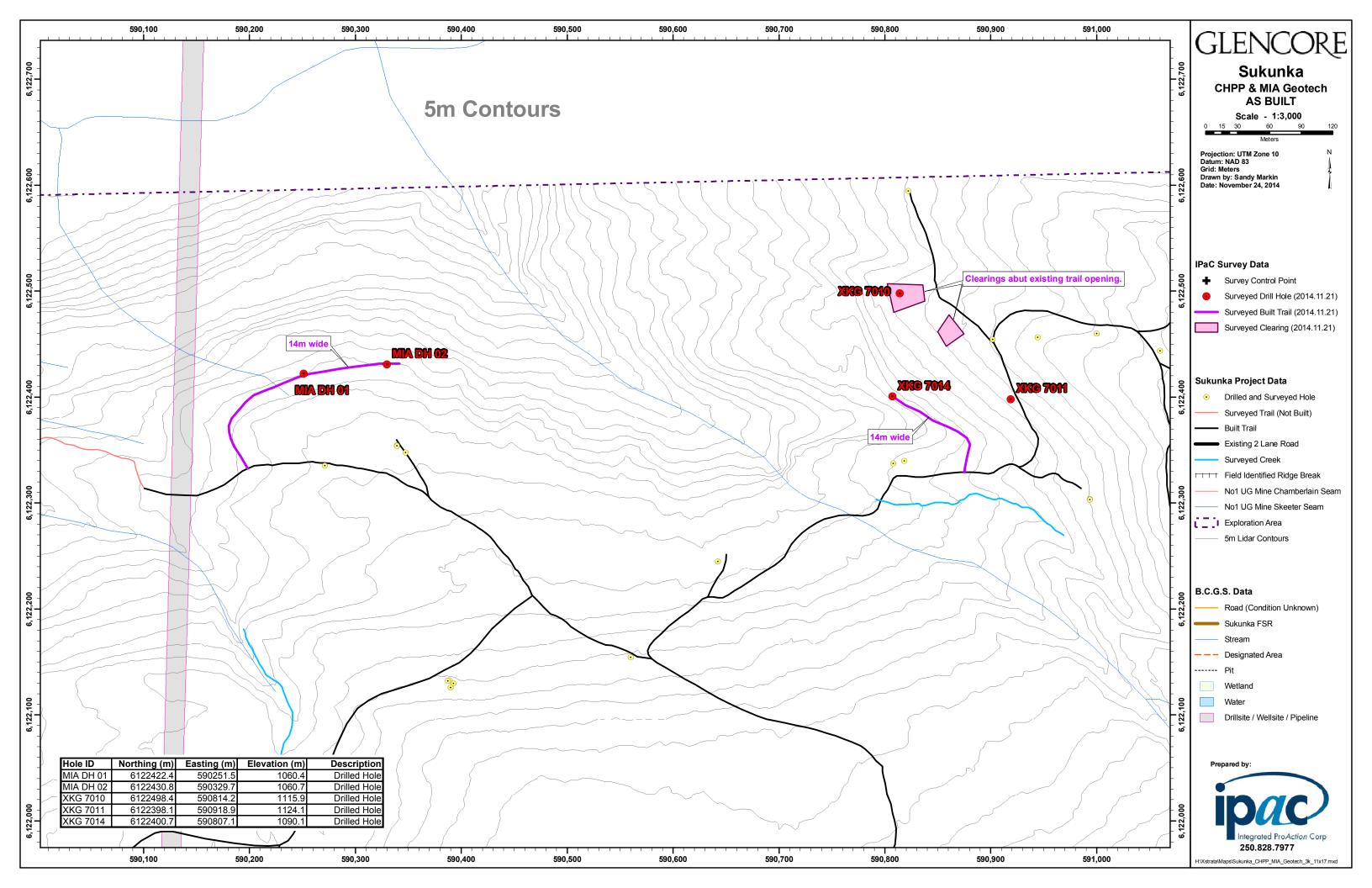
# **Methodology and Notes**

Survey was completed using a Trimble GNSS R8 RTK Base Station and Reciever. Points surveyed with this survey equipment configuration can be expected to be accurate within 5cm vertically and horizontally according to the manufacturers specifications. Since no survey control was provided, control points previously established by IPaC were used at the time of survey. Horizontal positions are ground coordinates valid in UTM Zone 10 N map projection (NAD83). Elevations are orthometric height above mean sea level (HTv2.0).



Prepared for: Glencore Canada Corp







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### TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23, 2015

TO: John Anderson Glencore Canada

FROM: Aaron Blom

Integrated ProAction Corp.

RE: Survey Procedures and Specifications for As Built Surveys conducted for Glencore Canada on the 2014 Bulk Sample Site

Integrated Pro*Action* Corporation (IPaC) has conducted As Built Surveys for Glencore Canada since August 2012 using Trimble GNSS R8 and R10 RTK survey instruments. Control points (base stations) were established in areas with clear sky views and good line of sight in all directions to avoid multipath interference. These points were all subsequently post processed using Natural Resource Canada Geodetic Survey Division's Precise Point Positioning service to obtain a precise horizontal and vertical location and elevation. Standard survey practices were followed using all Trimble guidelines for the R8 and R10 GNSS receiver. This equipment configuration can be expected to be accurate within 5cm vertically and horizontally according to the manufacturer's (Trimble) specifications. Horizontal positions are ground coordinates valid in UTM Zone 10 N map projection (NAD83). Elevations are orthometric height above mean sea level (geoid model HTv2.0). Integrated Pro*Action* Corp. has been surveying following these standards on numerous types of small and large projects throughout BC since 2006 using this type of equipment.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Respectfully Submitted, Integrated Pro*Action* Corp.

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Aaron Blom Project Manager





Appendix F Geological and Geophysical Data



Appendix G Drill Hole Coal Quality Data



Appendix H Feasibility Level Geotechnical Investigation Report



Appendix I Outstanding Data