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LINE CREEK COAL MINE TO EXPAND

VICTORIA - The Line Creek coal mine, located 18 kilometres northeast of Sparwood, has approval to expand to Horseshoe Ridge, Mines Minister Anne Edwards announced today.

"Line Creek Resources Ltd. has been producing coal from the Line Creek Ridge area since 1982, and has received numerous awards for its reclamation efforts," said Edwards. "This expansion to Horseshoe Ridge will strengthen the economy of southeastern British Columbia, while adhering to high environmental and reclamation standards."

The mine development certificate approves the 684-hectare development which adds 35 million raw tonnes of coal to the Line Creek operation over the next 15 years. Pits will be developed on the north, south and central portions of the ridge. The expansion will not affect staffing levels at the mine.

The company will implement plans for short and long-term reclamation of fish and wildlife habitat.

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