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Bureau of Land Management - Milwaukee Field Office  
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Attention: Mr. Chris Carusona

**RE: EAST LYNN LAKE COAL LEASE LUA/EIS MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT #5**

Dear Mr. Carusona:

Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) is pleased to submit Monthly Progress Report (MPR) #5 for the *East Lynn Lake Coal Lease Land Use Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement (LUA/EIS)*. Under each task heading below, we describe the activities that have taken place since the last MPR, and the activities we anticipate to perform over the next month. On-going activities related to geographic information, external affairs support, and project management will be addressed in detail only when significant issues arise. The MPR will not focus on financial or contractual aspects of Golder's scope. Instead, invoices will be mailed to the Applicants under separate cover, and contractual issues will be addressed in separate correspondence with BLM and the Applicants. An updated schedule is attached to this MPR (the schedule includes the baseline which was established in the Project Management Plan and shows as a grey bar below the current bar).

**Task 1 - Develop LUA/EIS Project Management Plan**

Complete.

**Task 2 - Provide Scoping Process Support**

Complete.

**Task 3 - Develop Analysis of the Management Situation**

Subtask 3.1.1: Develop draft Analysis of the Management Situation (draft AMS)

This deliverable was originally scheduled for completion in March 2007; however, completion is dependent upon receipt of the reasonably foreseeable development scenario (RFDS). Golder has received a draft of the document, originally due February 23<sup>rd</sup>, which the Golder resource specialists are using to continue with their efforts. Golder and BLM have agreed that BLM will deliver the final RFDS to Golder by March 16, 2007. If this delivery date is achieved, Golder anticipates that the draft

AMS will be completed on April 6, 2007. Golder is currently developing the draft AMS to the extent that it can without the RFDS to ensure the earliest completion date possible.

Subtask 3.1.2: Develop final Analysis of the Management Situation (final AMS)

This final deliverable is scheduled for completion on April 27, 2007.

Subtask 3.2.1: Gather existing information

This activity has been ongoing since the kick-off meeting. Golder specialists will continue to gather data as needed through March 2007.

Subtask 3.2.1a: Geology & Minerals Phase I "Preliminary Subsidence Analysis"

This report is currently being developed by Golder resource specialists. Assuming that the RFDS is received by Golder by March 16, 2007, Golder anticipates completion on April 6, 2007.

Subtask 3.2.2: Develop draft Data Adequacy and Accuracy Report (draft DAAR)

This deliverable is dependent upon receipt of the RFDS; subsequently, the completion date for this draft deliverable has been shifted to late April 2007.

Subtask 3.2.3: Develop final Data Adequacy and Accuracy Report (final DAAR)

This deliverable is scheduled for completion in mid-May 2007.

Subtask 3.4.1: Prepare Draft Cultural Resource Class I Overview

Due to challenges with obtaining available data, this deliverable was not delivered on schedule. However, no additional costs are anticipated to be incurred by subcontractor, despite extended effort. Golder anticipates that the draft will be submitted for BLM review by March 16, 2007. At this point this task is not on the critical path so will not effect the project completion date.

Subtask 3.4.2: Prepare Final Cultural Resource Class I Overview

This deliverable is scheduled for completion on March 26, 2007, and Golder will make every effort to meet this deadline, pending time needed by BLM to review and the extent of their comments.

Subtask 3.5.1: Prepare draft Biological Assessment (draft BA)

Following review of the initial geology and minerals and water resources analyses, if BLM determines that a Biological Assessment (BA) is necessary, this deliverable should commence in late April 2007.

Subtask 3.5.2: Prepare final Biological Assessment (final BA)

If BLM determines that a BA is necessary, this deliverable will be scheduled for completion in mid-May 2007.

Subtask 3.7: Develop species list request letters

BLM will submit request letters for the updated lists in April 2007.

Subtask 3.8: Manage geographic information

On-going.

**Task 6 - Perform Socioeconomic Analysis**

Subtask 6.1.1: Prepare draft socioeconomic baseline assessment

This draft deliverable is currently undergoing internal review. Golder anticipates that this draft deliverable will be submitted for BLM review by March 16, 2007. At this point this task is not on the critical path so will not effect the project completion date.

Subtask 6.1.2: Prepare final socioeconomic baseline assessment

This deliverable will be completed after BLM review. A submittal date of late March 2007 is anticipated.

Subtask 6.4: Facilitate socioeconomic strategy workshop

The workshop is scheduled for March 27, 2007. Plans for the workshop were provided to BLM, Applicants and Cooperating Agencies on January 26, 2007. Draft invitation letters and draft press releases were provided to BLM, Applicants and Cooperating Agencies on February 12, 2007. Golder also provided BLM with a database of all of the project contacts, which included suggested recipients for the invitation letter. BLM is mailing the letters and issuing the press release. More detailed information, including the final agenda and materials, will be communicated to the team prior to the event.

**Task 10 - Provide External Affairs Support**

On-going. Plans for the socioeconomic workshop were provided to BLM, Applicants and Cooperating Agencies on January 26, 2007. A draft invitation letter and draft press release were provided to BLM, Applicants and Cooperating Agencies on February 12, 2007. Golder also provided BLM with a database of all of the project contacts, which included suggested recipients for the invitation letter. BLM will maintain the mailing list for future use. BLM is mailing the letters and issuing the press release and will provide Golder with copies for the Administrative Record.

**Task 11 - Project Management**

Subtask 11.1: Prepare Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs)

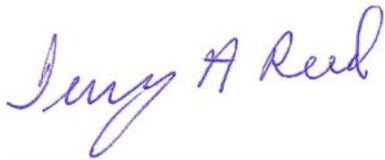
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Subtask 11.2: Perform project management

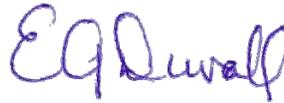
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Sincerely,

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Attachment: Current Project Schedule

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