



Grande Cache Coal Corporation

Whistleblower Program

A. Purpose

Grande Cache Coal Corporation ("Grande Cache") is committed to the highest standards of openness, honesty and accountability. The integrity of the financial and other information of Grande Cache is vital as it guides the decisions of the Board of Directors of Grande Cache ("Board of Directors") and is relied upon by our shareholders, financial markets and other stakeholders.

For these reasons Grande Cache must cultivate an environment where individuals can confidentially and anonymously report complaints and concerns regarding accounting, internal auditing controls or auditing matters without the fear of victimization, discrimination or disadvantage. This requires a program by which the appropriate body can receive, retain and investigate all reports of complaints and concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.

B. Whistleblower Protection

The Whistleblower Program is established for employees, management, officers, directors, contractors, consultants, and committee members of Grande Cache.

C. Reportable Conduct

This program is designed to encourage the reporting of complaints and concerns regarding accounting, internal auditing controls or auditing matters, including, but not limited to:

- suspect, questionable, unethical or unlawful accounting and auditing policies, practices or procedures;
- intentional breach of, or failure to implement, accounting and auditing policies, practices and procedures, approved by the Board of Directors;
- inadequate internal accounting controls;
- the misleading or coercion of auditors;
- disclosure of fraudulent or misleading financial information; or
- instances of corporate fraud.

D. Who is protected?

Any person who makes a disclosure or raises a concern under this program will be protected if the person:

- discloses the information in good faith;
 - believes it to be substantially true;
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- does not act maliciously or make false allegations, and
- does not seek any personal or financial gain.

E. Reporting a Complaint

Complainants can be anonymously reported via email, telephone or post. In instances where a satisfactory response is not received from your immediate supervisor, or if you are uncomfortable addressing your concerns to your supervisor any senior officer of Grande Cache may be contacted.

In instances where a satisfactory response is not received from such senior officer, or if you are uncomfortable addressing your concerns to a senior officer, the Chairman of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of Grande Cache may be contacted by mail, telephone, fax or email as follows:

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Director
United Place, 2nd Floor
808 - 4th Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3E8

Telephone: (403) 265-6168
Fax: (403) 265-6270
Email: ddouglas@unitedcommunities.com

Employees and consultants are encouraged to provide as much specific information as possible including names, dates, places and events that took place, the employee's or consultant's perception of why the incident(s) may be a violation, and what action the employee or consultant recommends be taken.

F. Investigating a Report

Grande Cache will respond positively to concerns raised hereunder. Reporting parties should not forget that investigating your concerns is not the same as either accepting or rejecting them.

Where appropriate, the matters raised may:

- be investigated by management, the Audit Committee, or legal counsel
- be referred to the police;
- be referred to the external auditor; or
- form the subject of an independent inquiry.

In order to protect individuals and those accused of misdeeds or possible malpractice, initial enquiries may be made to determine whether an investigation is appropriate and, if so, what form it should take.



The overriding principle which Grande Cache will have in mind is the best interests of Grande Cache and its shareholders.

Some concerns may be resolved by agreed action without the need for further investigation or action. If urgent action is required, it may be taken before an investigation is completed.

Within fifteen (15) working days of a concern being raised, the responsible officer will write to the reporting party:

- acknowledging that the concern has been received;
- indicating how he/she proposes to deal with the matter;
- giving an estimate of how long it will take to provide a final response;
- telling the reporting party whether any initial enquiries have been made; and
- telling the reporting party whether further investigations will take place and if not, why not.

The amount of contact between the officers considering the issues and the reporting party will depend on the nature of the matters raised, the potential difficulties involved and the clarity of the information provided. If necessary, Grande Cache will seek further information from the reporting party.

Grande Cache will take steps to minimize any difficulties which the reporting party may experience as a result of raising a concern. For instance, if the reporting party is required to give evidence in criminal or disciplinary proceedings, Grande Cache will arrange for the reporting party to receive advice about the procedure.

In determining what further actions to take, considerations include, but are not limited to:

- the alleged wrongdoer;
- seriousness of the allegation;
- credibility of the allegation;
- urgency of an investigation and resolution.

G. Confidentiality

The investigating body will respect the confidentiality of any complainant who so requests, but can only do so to the extent permitted by the law. However, it must be appreciated that it will be easier to follow up and to verify complaints if the complainant is prepared to give his or her name.

H. Victimization, Discrimination and Harassment

Grande Cache will not tolerate any attempts, to any degree, on the part of anyone to sanction or detriment in any way a complainant who reported a complaint or concern in good faith. Any such



attempt should be reported immediately to a senior officer of Grande Cache or the Chairman of the Committee.

I. False, Malicious and Bad Faith Reports

The sensitive nature of corporate and professional reputation demands that Grande Cache view very seriously any report that proves to be unsubstantiated or which proves to have been submitted knowing it to be false, or with malicious intent, or in bad faith. Grande Cache regards the making of such reports as a serious disciplinary offence which may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal for cause.

J. Records

The Committee shall retain for a period of three (3) years all records relating to reports submitted under this program.
