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This is an Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Cache Creek Landfill Extension Project (Project). The Proponents of the Project are Belkorp Environmental Services Inc. (Belkorp) and the Village of Cache Creek. Belkorp, through its wholly owned subsidiary Wastech Services Ltd. (Wastech), has operated the existing Cache Creek Landfill (located within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Cache Creek, British Columbia, and immediately upslope (west) of the existing Cache Creek Landfill) since 1989. The existing landfill is scheduled to reach capacity in late 2011 (with the addition of a 6.7 ha Annex). The Project's Proponents are proposing to extend the footprint of the existing Cache Creek Landfill further west to provide an additional 12.6 million tonnes of disposal capacity. The projected area of the proposed extension would be approximately 42 ha. Filling rates are expected to range between 500,000 and 750,000 tonnes per year with a lifespan between 17 to 25 years.

A Project description was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) on August 8, 2008, and the Project was subsequently designated as reviewable in an Order under Section 10 of the Environmental Assessment Act on August 28, 2008. An Order under Section 11 of the Act was issued to Belkorp on October 22, 2008, outlining the formal scope, procedures, and methods for the environmental assessment of the Project. The Application has been developed in accordance with the Application Terms of Reference (ATOR) issued by the BCEAO, and is in compliance with any other relevant directions provided in the Section 11 Order.

There are no Federal authorities participating in the proposed Project as Proponents or through the provision of funding or access to Federal lands. For this reason, it appears that the Project will not require any permits/approvals from Federal regulators, and that there are not any Federal triggers under CEAA.

Belkorp has conducted an extensive public, government agency, and First Nations consultation process, in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial "Public Consultation Policy Regulation," BC Reg 373/200, and the Section 11 Order, for the purpose of identifying, assessing, and resolving potential issues and concerns associated with the Project. The Project is also supported by protocol and benefit sharing agreements between Belkorp and the Bonaparte and Ashcroft Indian Bands. Through an Internal Project Steering Committee and the Advisory Working Group for the Project, the First Nations Bands and the Villages of Cache Creek and Ashcroft have been involved in advising and guiding the Proponents through the environmental assessment process. Other members of the Advisory Working Group include:

- British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office
- BC Ministry of Environment's Environmental Management Branch (Environmental Protection Division)
- BC Ministry of Agriculture and Land

- BC Ministry of Forests and Range
- BC Ministry of Technology, Trade and Economic Development
- Thompson Nicola Regional District

This Application is consistent with and meets the requirements specified in the ATOR. Given this Application document has no numbering deviations from the ATOR, there is no concordance table included to cross-reference information presented in the Application to the ATOR.