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COMOX JV RECEIVES DIRECTIONS TO PROCEED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Vancouver, B.C., August 13, 2009 - Compliance Energy Corporation (the “Company” or “Compliance”) is pleased to report that based on its project description submitted to the Environmental Assessment Office (“BCEAO”) it has received direction to proceed under the Environmental Reviewable Projects Regulation. On August 12, 2009 BCEAO issued a Section 10 Order for the Comox JV’s Raven Underground Coal Project on Vancouver Island, BC. This Order is an acknowledgement by the British Columbia Government that the Raven Project is reviewable under the Environmental Reviewable Projects legislation and requires an environmental assessment certificate prior to obtaining mining permits.

The Project Description outlines the Comox JV’s proposed underground coal mine with an annual clean coal production rate of up to 1.5 million tonnes over a projected mine life of 20 years. Since an underground mine development is being proposed, the surface footprint will be relatively small with the proposed surface structures consisting primarily of a coal preparation plant and related facilities, electric substation, and maintenance and administration buildings. Other infrastructure: the inland island highway, high voltage power lines, a railway, and gas pipeline are close at hand and the project would include short (2-4 kilometers) interconnections to each of these as required.

This is an important milestone for the Comox JV as the issuance of the Section 10 Order triggers the environmental review process leading toward production. The Project Description has been filed with the BCEAO, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and the newly formed Natural Resources Canada Major Projects Management Office. These offices will distribute the Project Description and will notify the Comox JV which Provincial and Federal Agencies, First Nations and affected parties will be involved in the detailed review process. The Comox JV expects to file an Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (“EAC”) in the second quarter of 2010 and expects receipt of the EAC in early 2011 to allow for permitting, and in time for scheduled commissioning and start-up.

The Project Description can be viewed on the following BCEAO website link:

http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_list_report.html

Compliance Energy Corporation is a coal exploration and development company with an interest in over 75,000 acres of coal and mineral rights on Vancouver Island BC and that owns the Basin Coal Mine near Princeton BC. The company is currently focused on developing the Raven Coal Project for the Comox Joint Venture, of which it has a 60% interest. The remaining 40% is owned by I-Comox Coal Inc. a subsidiary of Itochu Corporation of Japan and by LG International Investments (Canada) Limited, a subsidiary of LG International Corp. of Korea. Company shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol CEC and investor information is available on the Company’s web page at www.complianceenergy.com.

On behalf of the Board of

COMPLIANCE ENERGY CORPORATION

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Chief Executive Officer

Contact Greg Werbowski, Investor Relations or Rod Shier, CFO at 604-689-0489 for further information.

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