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1	2017-0419-01	352	Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor property, Metanor Resources	3214-14-027	Tailings management plan (Condition #2)	<p>... to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator informing her that the members of the COMEX have studied the revised tailings management plan and that it meets Condition 2 in the amendment to the certificate of authorization issued February 10, 2017. However, the COMEX expects to receive the other requirements contained in Conditions 1 and 6 within the prescribed three-month timeframe following the issuance of the amendment to the CA.</p>	Relay of correspondence
2	2017-0419-02	352	Forest roads in Section H West and Section I - project by Matériaux Blanchet	3214-05-075	Monitoring report on the conditions in the CA (conditions 1, 2 et 7) Study of archaeological potential (condition 8)	<p>...,to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator advising that the COMEX members have reviewed the proponent's efforts in response to Conditions 1, 2, 7 and 8. The COMEX has also taken note of the follow-up to Conditions 1 and 2 and wishes to be kept informed of any changes to the route and the consequences for the possible presence of bald-headed eagle's nests, as stipulated in Condition 7 of the certificate of authorization.</p> <p>As for the study of archaeological potential required under Condition 8, the COMEX reviewed the document and find it inadequate. Although the COMEX recognizes that the interviewer encountered difficulties, it considers that this study of archaeological potential has methodological deficiencies related to sample size, which was limited to a single individual, and therefore considered unrepresentative of all the users of the territory who possess the relevant knowledge for the study. The COMEX therefore recommends that the proponent complete this study and contact the Band Council of Waswanipi to obtain better collaboration with territorial users and those with traditional knowledge of the area..</p> <p>In addition, the COMEX members are still awaiting the pre-construction requirements for the roads H & I mentioned in conditions 3 (woodland caribou monitoring measures), 4 (environmental characterization program), 5 (work related to stream crossings and operation of borrow pits), and 6 (protection measures for the presence of threatened or vulnerable wildlife species).</p> <p>Finally, the COMEX wonders why there are minutes documenting meetings between the monitoring committee and the community as required under Condition 9, and would like to have an update without delay on the status of discussions between the proponent and the community of Waswanipi in anticipation of work on roads H Section West & I.</p>	Relay of correspondence

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3	2017-0419-03	352	Forest road project L-209	3214-05-072	Follow-up on COMEX questions and schedules sent to the Administrator regarding L-209 on July 27, 2016 and E-West on November 27, 2016	<i>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator to mention that the members would like an update from the proponent on the timetable for the planned work as well as a response to their questions and comments regarding the extension of forest road L-209 Nord and the construction du forest road E West. The COMEX would like to know how these roads fit in to the current and future integrated forest management plan (PAFIT).</i>	Relay of correspondence
4	2017-0419-04	352	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Request to amend CA : construction of a rockfill spur dike and stabilization of a bank slope near the weir at PK-170 of the Rupert river	<i>...to send the Administrator a recommendation in favour of the request to amend the certificate of authorization so as to construct a rockfill spur dike and stabilize the bank slope near the weir at PK-170, under some conditions.</i>	Amend CA under conditions
5	2017-0419-05	352	Troilus mining project	3214-14-025	2015 Post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report	<i>...Following up on the 351st COMEX meeting and for the purpose of additional verification, on April 12, 2017, the COMEX sent a letter to the Administrator seeking the studies mentioned in Paragraph 6.2 of the 2015 Annual Report from the Troilus mine, specifically, the kinetic assays of airborne particles.</i>	Request for documents
6	2017-0419-06	352	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Request to amend CA	<i>...to recommend to the Provincial Administrator to approve the application to amend the CA under some conditions.</i>	Amend CA under conditions
7	2017-0518-01	353	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Rupert river landscape monitoring 2015 - Environmental monitoring during the operation phase	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the proponent's landscape monitoring report and that the report satisfies Condition 6.37 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006. Based on what COMEX learned from the report, the members make some recommendations,</i>	Relay of correspondence

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8	2017-0518-02	353	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Water quality monitoring in the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers : 2015 report	<p>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the proponent's 2015 report on water quality monitoring in the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers and that it satisfies Condition 6.6 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006. According to the schedule indicated in the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program, the final sampling campaign will be conducted in 2017. As well as making sure that water quality remains within the parameters allowing for Cree use of the river water, COMEX believes, based on what it learned from the 2015 monitoring report, that the final year of monitoring (2017) will also confirm or refute the two assumptions put forward by the proponent to the effect that Rupert River's unusually high flow rate in 2015 augmented dilution and that the gradual decrease in the values of all three variables in the river's downstream reach from 2010 to 2015, along with the sharp decline in 2015, are due to revegetation of the riverbanks.</p>	Relay of correspondence
9	2017-0518-03	353	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Monitoring program for fish communities and population dynamics in the Rupert diversion bays - 2014 study report, dated July 2015, submitted along the communication plan	<p>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the 2014 study report on monitoring of fish communities and population dynamics in the Rupert diversion bays ("Rapport d'étude 2014," dated July 2015), submitted along with the communication plan. COMEX finds that the report satisfies conditions 5.4 and 5.5 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006 as well as Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization issued on July 28, 2008, and that the observed trends are consistent with the assumptions in the proponent's impact statement. Furthermore, COMEX thinks that the study is an effective way to track changes in fish communities over time and that monitoring will continue until 2022, and beyond if deemed necessary based on results.</p>	Relay of correspondence

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10	2017-0518-04	353	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Monitoring of the integrity and utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert river diversion bays - 2015 study report and monitoring results (2010-2015), dated December 2016	<p><i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the monitoring report on the integrity and utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River diversion bays – “Rapport d’études 2015 et bilan du suivi (2010-2015),” dated December 2016. Furthermore, the final account shows that, generally speaking, the development of multispecies spawning grounds is an effective measure to compensate for the loss of fish habitat. Lake trout is an exception, as this species is the subject of a separate monitoring program and a separate monitoring report. Monitoring of the four target species, namely, whitefish, lake sturgeon and suckers, as well as user observations and visual inspection of spawning grounds confirmed the physical integrity and the target species’ utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed. Both monitoring reports cover the final year of monitoring the integrity and utilization of multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River and its diversion bays under the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program and, in the opinion of the COMEX members, the proposed monitoring satisfies Condition 5.6 requiring a program to monitor the efficiency of spawning ground enhancements as well as Condition 5.24 of the same certificate of authorization. The proponent also satisfied Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization issued on July 28, 2008 as regards the time limit for submitting the monitoring report following the field campaign.</i></p>	Relay of correspondence
11	2017-0518-05	353	Québec Mining Association 2017 Presentation	N/D	N/D	<p><i>...to put together a detailed program for the session to be given at Québec Mines 2017 and send it to the organizers as soon as it is ready.</i></p>	Prepare a detailed program

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12	2017-0518-06	353	2016-2017 Stratégic plan : assessment and forecast for 2018	N/D	N/D	<i>...to adopt the report on the 2016-2017 Action Plan and finalize the new strategic plan for 2017-2018 so that it can be adopted soon while continuing the actions undertaken to date, including discussions with the JBACE, COMEV and the climate change branch of the MDDELCC.</i>	Finalize the 2017-2018 strategic plan and determine the related actions
13	2017-0622-01	354	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Monitoring of hydrology, hydraulics and continental thermal regime, 2014 and 2015 reports	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members reviewed the 2014 and 2015 reports on monitoring of hydrology, hydraulics and continental thermal regime by the proponent and submit the some comments.</i>	Relay of correspondence
14	2017-0622-02	354	Eleonore mining project	3214-14-042	Request to amend CA	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members went over the request to enlarge the waste rock dump (Phase V) and recommend that she authorize the project.</i>	Relay of correspondence
15	2017-0622-03	354	Kakabat granular material deposit project (Community of Wemindji)	3214-03-034	Environmental impact assessment	<i>...to write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the environmental and social impact assessment and recommend that he authorize the project with the some conditions.</i>	Relay of correspondence
16	2017-0622-04	354	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Follow-up on conditions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the general certificate of authorization and condition 2 of the amendment date July 27, 2016	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members take note of the follow-up given to conditions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the general certificate of authorization and deem that the proponent has met those conditions satisfactorily.</i> <i>As regards Condition 2, COMEX reviewed the information provided and is still waiting to receive additional information from the proponent in follow-up to conditions 17, 18 and 19.</i>	Relay of correspondence

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							<p>Action (action plan): Linguistic revision and translation. Send the report to the administrators, the JBACE, COMEV and the Direction des évaluations environnementales des projets nordiques et miniers of the MDDELCC. Post on COMEX website</p>

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17	2017-0622-05	354	2017-2018 Stratégic plan and action plan follow-up	N/A	N/A	<i>...to adopt the 2017-2018 Strategic Action Plan and action plan follow-up.</i>	Action (action plan follow-up): Suzann Méthot will ensure the necessary follow-up so that an exploratory meeting can be held in September between COMEX, COMEV, the JBACE, and experts from the MDDELCC and the Ouranos consortium to identify steps to ensure better integration of climate change into the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure for the James Bay Territory (Action 1.1 of the Action Plan).
18	2017-0720-01	355	Renard diamond project	3214-14-041	Request to amend CA - Modified processed kimberlite containment area	<i>... to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the request to amend the certificate of authorization and recommend that he authorize the requested amendment under some conditions.</i>	Relay of correspondence

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19	2017-0720-02	355	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-042	Request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 of the certificate of authorization and the final effluent discharge site	<p>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 and change the final effluent discharge site. However, the letter will deal solely with the final effluent discharge site. COMEX's recommendations regarding conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 will be sent to the Provincial Administrator at a later date. COMEX considers that additional information is needed to complete the review process. Therefore, the proponent is asked to answer some questions.</p>	Relay of correspondence
20	2017-0720-03	355	Forest roads in Section H West and Section I - project by Matériaux Blanchet	3214-05-075	Follow-up on conditions 4 and 9	<p>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members took note of the compliance with conditions 4 and 9 of the certificate of authorization and consider that additional information is needed in order to clarify certain aspects of the natural environment characterization program. COMEX would like the proponent to answer some questions, taking COMEX's comment into consideration.</p>	Relay of correspondence
21	2017-0830-01	356	Renard diamond project	3214-14-041	Fish habitat compensation program	<p>... to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the proponent's fish habitat compensation program and would like the proponent to answer some questions.</p>	Relay of correspondence
22	2017-0830-02	356	Whabouchi mining project	3214-12-052	Request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 of the certificate of authorization and the final effluent discharge site	<p>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 and the request that some questions and comments be sent to the proponent.</p>	Relay of correspondence

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23	2017-0830-03	356	Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor property, Metanor Resources	3214-14-027	2016 Environmental monitoring and follow-up report, Responses to the conditions of amendment of the certificate of authorization date February 10, 2017 and Progress report on the treatment plan for tailings pond water - condition 11	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator 1) to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents provided by the proponent and 2) to submit comments and recommendations for the proponent. COMEX will also mention that the following comments must be taken into account in the proponent's 2017 annual report and that the proponent must satisfy, with due diligence, the authorization conditions that have not been met or have been met only partially.</i>	Relay of correspondence
24	2017-0830-04	356	Troilus mining project	3214-14-025	Response to the request for additional information	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the proponent's request to wait for transmission of Phase III, but that COMEX nevertheless wishes to immediately receive the results of kinetic testing on airborne particles referred to in subsection 6.2 of the 2015 annual report.</i>	Relay of correspondence
25	2017-0830-05	356	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-14-017	Monitoring of integrity and use of natural spawning grounds developed for lake trout - 2015 study report	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2015 report on monitoring of the integrity and use of the natural spawning grounds developed for lake trout and wish to make a comment.</i>	Relay of correspondence
26	2017-0830-06	356	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-14-017	Beaver monitoring in 2014	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the report on beaver monitoring in 2014 and have no comments. In addition, the members applaud the amount of effort put into the beaver survey.</i>	Relay of correspondence
27	2017-0830-07	356	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-14-017	Moose monitoring in 2014	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the report on moose monitoring in 2014 and have no comments.</i>	Relay of correspondence

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28	2017-0830-08	356	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-14-017	Waterfowl monitoring in 2014	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2014 waterfowl monitoring report covering the nesting pair and clutch survey, the Canada goose survey and the use of wildlife enhancements by waterfowl and wish to submit some comments.</i>	Relay of correspondence
29	2017-0830-09	356	Eastmain 1-A / Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-14-017	Raptor monitoring in 2014	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2015 report on raptor monitoring and wish to submit some comments.</i>	Relay of correspondence

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