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**SUBJECT: Construction of forest roads “H, Section west” and “I”
Characterization program (Condition 4) and measures to protect
threatened or vulnerable wildlife species (Condition 6) – Answers to
questions and comments
Our Ref.: 3214-05-075**

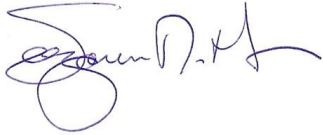
Dear Sir:

On January 19, 2018, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the answers to the questions and comments sent in its July 31, 2017 letter concerning Condition 4 (characterization program) and Condition 6 (measures to protect threatened or vulnerable wildlife species) in respect of the above-mentioned project.

The COMEX members reviewed the documents sent by the proponent and believe that the proponent's new characterization program and its answers to COMEX's questions are adequate on a technical level. COMEX is thus satisfied with the proposed update. However, COMEX is disappointed that collaboration between the Cree community of Waswanipi and proponent is difficult. Nevertheless, considering that the life cycle of species is such that field work must begin soon, COMEX is moving forward with its recommendation to update the environmental characterization program. It also recommends that the proponent continue its efforts to establish communication with the Cree community of Waswanipi and set up the monitoring committee, as stipulated in Condition 9 of the certificate of authorization.

In addition, COMEX wishes to remind the proponent that the two characterization reports mentioned must be submitted to COMEX for recommendation and must be approved by the MDDELCC, which means that two more amendments must be made to the certificate of authorization before the proponent can undertake construction work. In addition to conditions 7 and 8, the characterization reports must take into account conditions 2, 5 and 6.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzann Méthot', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Suzann Méthot
Chairperson
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In case of divergence, the French text shall prevail