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**SUBJECT: Construction of forest roads “H, Section west” and “I”
Archeological potential study (Condition 8) and establishment of a
monitoring committee (Condition 9) – Answers to questions and
comments
Our Ref.: 3214-05-075**

Dear Sir:

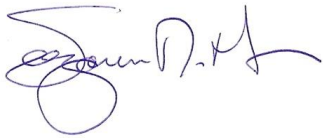
On February 9, 2018, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the answers to the questions and comments it sent to the proponent in its July 31, 2017 letter concerning Condition 8 (archeological potential study) and Condition 9 (monitoring committee) in respect of the above-mentioned project.

The COMEX members reviewed the documents sent by the proponent and believe that the archeological potential study protocol is adequate and that the proponent can proceed with the study before building roads “H, Section west” and “I”. However, COMEX has doubts that the archeological potential study will be completed given that collaboration between the proponent and the Cree community of Waswanipi is difficult, as testified by the exchanges between the proponent and the Cree community of Waswanipi.

Furthermore, COMEX recommends that the archeological potential study be conducted by an experienced archeologist and identify culturally sensitive areas that should not be touched by the roads' construction.

In COMEX's opinion, the feasibility of the proposed protocol and the quality of the archeological potential study depend on open cooperation and ongoing dialogue between the proponent and the Cree community of Waswanipi. That is why COMEX is once again recommending 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.

Yours truly,

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

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