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## **CONSTRUCTION OF A FOREST ACCESS ROAD IN SECTIONS H WEST AND I: COMEX ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING IN WASWANUPI**

**Québec City, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – The Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) announces that it will hold a public hearing on the construction of a forest access road in Sections H West and I proposed by Matériaux Blanchet Inc., that represents the following companies: Scierie Landrienne, Tembec, Eacom Timber Corporation, Resolute Forest Products and Matériaux Blanchet inc. The purpose of the hearings is to allow citizens to learn about the project itself, the environmental impact assessment and review procedure, and COMEX's role. It also enables COMEX to receive opinions and comments on the project and documents submitted by the proponent to the Administrator of Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement:

### **Public hearing**

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Place: Waswanipi Community Centre  
20 Alder Street

Simultaneous translation (Cree-English-French) will be available on-site.

Interested groups or individuals are invited to submit written comments to the COMEX Secretariat prior to the public hearing and, if they wish, make a brief oral presentation of their comments during the consultations. However, it is not necessary to submit written comments in order to participate in the public hearings. Rules followed by COMEX during its public hearings can be viewed at <http://comexqc.ca/en/>, under "Public Participation – General Information."

In order to optimize the public hearing process, the COMEX Secretariat wishes to have prior notice of group or individual intentions as to the presentation of comments about the project. The COMEX Secretariat can be reached by phone at 418-521-3933, ext. 4810, or by email at [secretariat.comex@mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:secretariat.comex@mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca).

## **THE PROPONENT’S PROJECT PROPOSAL**

“Matériaux Blanchet Inc. expects to build a pair of major access roads over a total distance of approximately 126 km in the km 105 sector of Route de la Baie-James (Route 109) and Lake Quénonisca. These two forest roads are located on Category III lands.”

## **DOCUMENTATION**

Information about the project is available at: <http://comexqc.ca/en/projets> under “Projects – Construction of a forest access road in Sections H West and I.” Documents can also be viewed at the COMEX Secretariat in Québec City. Please call (418) 521-3933, ext. 4810 to arrange an appointment.

## **COMEX**

The Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) is an independent body that reports to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change (MDDELCC). Its mission is to contribute to the protection of human health and the environment and to the economic and social well-being of the peoples inhabiting the territory governed by the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement* ([JBNQA](#)) that lies south of the 55th parallel.

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