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DATE:	March 25, 2021
PLACE:	Video conference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG Brian Craik, CNG Vanessa Chalifour, Coordinator/Team Leader – Northern Projects, MELCC Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 392nd meeting

The minutes of the 392nd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 392nd meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from February 24 to March 24, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Application to amend the CA: Compensation for adverse effects on wetlands, bodies of water and riparian environments
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 18, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the compensation for adverse effects on wetlands, bodies of water and riparian environments for the Éléonore Mine Project and, on December 9, 2020, received additional information (answers to the committee's questions and comments).

The COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent. After considering all the information received in relation to this project, COMEX recommends that the Provincial Administrator authorize the amendment to the global certificate of authorization issued on November 10, 2011, subject to certain conditions. The overall analysis and conditions are enclosed in a separate document.

#2021-0325-01: *write a letter to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members have reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized with certain conditions (recommendation detailed in the analysis report).*

Action: Inform the Provincial Administrator by letter
Transmit a recommendation

5) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Application to amend the CA: Operation and storage of mine waste and tailings facility
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on September 8, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the operation and storage of mine waste and tailings facility for the Éléonore Mine Project and, on February 16, 2021, received additional information (answers to the committee's questions and comments).

The COMEX members have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent. After considering all the information received in relation to this project, COMEX recommends that the Provincial Administrator authorize the amendment to the global certificate of authorization issued on November 10, 2011.

#2021-0325-02: *write a letter to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members have reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized.*

Action: Inform the Provincial Administrator by letter
Transmit a recommendation

6) Construction of forest access roads "H, Section west" and "I," Matériaux Blanchet inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-05-075

- a. Application to amend the CA: Extension of a forest road (Phase 2)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 22, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the extension of a forest road (Phase 2) under the project to build a forest access roads in the "H, Section west" and "I" areas.

The COMEX members have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified.

#2021-0325-03: *write a letter to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Inform the Provincial Administrator by letter
Send questions and comments

7) Varia

a. Federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum and James Bay Lithium mining projects

Vanessa Chalifour said that she met with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) on March 24, 2021 to go over the virtual public hearings held by COMEX on February 15, 16 and 18, 2021. The IAAC plans to hold consultations on its preliminary environmental assessment report on April 14 and 15, 2021.

b. Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project: Discussion on the coming steps in the project review process and review of briefs and public opinions

Vanessa Chalifour said that the COMEX secretariat received no comments or briefs following the public hearings. The public had until March 18, 2021 to submit comments and briefs.

Several issues were raised by participants during the hearings and COMEX took note and will consider all of them in its final recommendation. COMEX will hold a specific meeting on April 8, 2021 to continue discussing this project.

COMEX also raised the possibility of talking with other stakeholders, in particular regarding road transportation. A meeting could be planned soon for that purpose.

c. Meeting of the monitoring committee for CC22.1 research project – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT” (climate change)

No new developments.

d. Email request received by COMEX: Indigenous peoples in impact assessment project

Following a discussion of the request received by email concerning the Indigenous peoples in impact assessment project, it was decided that Luc Lainé would contact the person to provide general information about COMEX and its mandate and refer the person to the Cree Nation Government and the Québec government to get the details of the request.

e. Analysis of annual and monitoring reports pending review

Vanessa Chalifour confirmed that the MELCC is in charge of reviewing the monitoring reports for the Eastmain/Rupert hydroelectric development project. COMEX should receive the initial analyses in the coming weeks or months.

f. COMEX annual report 2020-2021

The executive secretary will update the factual information contained in the annual report. Luc Lainé will write the chairman's message. A few issues that could be discussed in the annual report were mentioned, including offsetting the loss of wetlands and riparian environments, and the cumulative impacts of road transportation.

8) Next meetings

- a.** April 22, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)
- b.** May 27, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)
- c.** June 29, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: February 24 to March 24, 2021					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Fénelon mining project, Wallbridge Mining Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Ltd.	Suspension of the project review	Sent: March 1, 2021 Received by COMEX: March 2, 2021	
Whabouchi Project – Development and operation of a spodumene deposit in the James Bay territory, Nemaska Lithium inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Isabelle Petit Nemaska Lithium	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Refusal to allow publication of the 2019-2020 environmental and social monitoring report on COMEX's website	Received by COMEX: March 2, 2021	

