



la Convention
de la Baie James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'examen des répercussions sur l'environnement et le milieu social

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MINUTES OF THE

397th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

DATE: September 29, 2021

PLACE: Video conference (Teams)

PRESENT: Luc Lainé, Chairman
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Joly, Québec
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Brian Craik, CNG

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 396th meeting

The minutes of the 396th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 396th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from July 15 to September 29, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-14-053

- a)** Environmental and social impact statement
- b)** Additional information (Answers to questions and comments)
- c)** Follow-up on public hearings (Answers to questions and comments)
 - i) For recommendation

WHEREAS on July 27, 2017, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact statement for the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project. Three (3) sets of questions and comments were sent to the proponent in April 2018, June 2018 and May 2020, respectively. The proponent responded to the questions and comments on February 21, 2019, January 9, 2020 and July 30, 2020, respectively. A fourth set of questions and comments was sent to the proponent in June 2021 regarding the virtual public hearings held in Matagami, Eastmain and Nemaska in February 2021. The answers to the questions and comments were received on September 13, 2021.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, after analyzing the information contained therein, would like a few additional clarifications. A document containing additional questions and comments will be enclosed with the letter to the Provincial Administrator.

#2021-0929-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members 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 enclosed with the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

5) Other business

a) Project schedule for October, November and December 2021

Discussion of coming projects, in particular:

- i. Construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji (3219-12-003)
- ii. Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project (3219-10-001)
- iii. Processing of gold ore from the Barry and Moroy projects at the Bachelor site and increase in the milling rate (3214-14-027)
- iv. James Bay Lithium Mine Project – Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. (3214-14-055)
- v. Troilus Mine Project (3214-14-025)
- vi. Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project (3214-14-053)
- vii. Renard Diamond Project (3214-14-041)

6) Next meetings

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2021.
- b) A Doodle survey will be sent to the members to schedule dates for the meetings in November and December 2021.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: July 15 to September 29, 2021					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Nibiischii national park project (formerly the Albanel-Témiscamie-Otish national park), Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Ref. No.: 3214-18-003	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Isabelle Tessier MFFP	Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: July 20, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Development of a permanent access road to the municipal landfill site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation	Sent: July 22, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 22, 2021	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Rhonda Oblin Cooper Waswanipi	Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: August 17, 2021 Received by COMEX: August 17, 2021	
Construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji, Cree First Nation of Wemindji Ref. No.: 3219-12-003	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Questions and comments	Sent: July 22, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 23, 2021	<i>For information</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Katherine Moses Cree Nation of Wemindji		Sent: July 23, 2021	
Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (KWREC) Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Questions and comments	Sent: July 28, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 28, 2021	<i>For information</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Matthew Mukash KWREC		Sent: July 29, 2021	

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COMEX Annual Report 2020-2021	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Marc Croteau, Deputy Minister MELCC Isaac Voyageur, Regional Administrator (CNG) Mélicia Gagnon, Julie Rodrigue and Yves Rochon, MELCC JBACE HFTCC CQFB CTA CNG EIJBRG ARBJ	COMEX Annual Report 2020-2021	Sent: July 29, 2021	
Éléonore Mine Project, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. – 2020 environmental and social monitoring report Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Yohany Sara Newmont for Goldcorp Canada Ltd.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	2020 annual report	Sent: July 13, 2021	
	Mélicia Gagnon MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: July 27, 2021 Received by COMEX: August 2, 2021	
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.	Mélicia Gagnon MELCC	Additional information – Missing appendices	Sent: July 27, 2021 Received by COMEX: August 6, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
Development of a permanent access road to the municipal landfill site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Mélicia Gagnon MELCC	Rhonda Oblin Cooper Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: August 17, 2021 Received by COMEX: August 17, 2021	<i>For information</i>

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Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (KWREC) Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: August 23, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: August 23, 2021 Received by COMEX: August 23, 2021	
Development of a permanent access road to the municipal landfill site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Luc Lainé COMEX	Rhonda Oblin Cooper Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Permission to publish on COMEX's website	Sent: August 30, 2021	
Construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji, Cree First Nation of Wemindji Ref. No.: 3219-12-003	Stella Lameboy Gilpin Cree Nation of Wemindji	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: August 27, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 2, 2021 Received by COMEX: September 2, 2021	
Congratulations to Mandy Gull – Grand Chief of the Cree Nation	Luc Lainé COMEX	Mandy Gull Cree Nation Government	Letter of congratulations on her election	Sent: September 2, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: September 2, 2021	
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation (CEC) Ref. No.: 3214-14-53	Ann Gabor CEC	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information – Follow-up on public hearings (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: September 7, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Ann Gabor CEC	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC		Sent: September 7, 2021	
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 13, 2021 Received by COMEX: September 13, 2021	

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Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Anissa Amri Stornoway Diamonds	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Progress report on the application to amend the CA – EDO for the mine water treatment facility	Sent: August 24, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 14, 2021 Received by COMEX: September 15, 2021	
Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (KWREC) Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Kelly Leblanc Cree Nation Government	Luc Lainé COMEX	Transcriptions of public consultations	Sent: September 21, 2021 Received by COMEX: September 21, 2021	
Dewatering of J-7 and 87 pits on the old Troilus mine site, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Follow-up report on small mammals (Condition 2 of the certificate of authorization)	Sent: September 24, 2021 Received by COMEX: September 28, 2021	