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<b>DATE:</b>	398 A: October 28, 2021 398 B: November 11, 2021
<b>PLACE:</b>	Video conference (Teams)
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG John Paul Murdoch, CNG (398 B)  Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary
<b>ABSENT:</b>	John Paul Murdoch, CNG (398 A)

**1) Call to order of the 398 A meeting and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 397th meeting**

The minutes of the 397th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 397th meeting minutes**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up action**

Correspondence and follow-up action from September 30 to October 28, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji, Cree Nation of Wemindji**

**Ref. No.: 3219-12-003**

- a)** Environmental and social impact assessment
- b)** Additional information (Answers to questions and comments)
  - i) For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 20, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the project to build a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji. After reviewing the document, COMEX submitted questions and comments to be addressed to the proponent on July 22, 2021, to clarify various aspects regarding the project. COMEX received the proponent's answers to the questions and comments on September 2, 2021.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, based on the information contained therein, COMEX recommends that the Regional Administrator authorize the project with one condition (condition detailed in the letter).

**#2021-1028-01:** *write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Regional Administrator authorize the project with one condition (recommendation and condition in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Regional Administrator**  
**Transmit a recommendation**

**5) Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (KWREC)**  
**Ref. No.: 3219-10-001**

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
- b) Additional information (Answers to questions and comments)
  - i) For recommendation

On April 23, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the above-mentioned project. After reviewing the document, COMEX submitted questions and comments to be addressed to the proponent on July 28, 2021, to clarify various aspects of the project. COMEX received the proponent's answers to the questions and comments on August 23, 2021.

A discussion was held to define the next steps in the project review process. Some verifications are needed before COMEX can make its recommendation on this project. Further discussion of the project was therefore deferred to the meeting scheduled for November 11, 2021 (Meeting 398 B).

**6) Processing of gold ore from the Barry and Moroy projects at the Bachelor site and increase in the milling rate, Bonterra Resources**  
**Ref. No.: 3214-14-027**

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
- b) Additional information (Geochemical characterization)
- c) Additional information (Answers QC01)
- d) Additional information (Missing details from answers QC01)
- e) Additional information (Addendum - Answers QC01)
  - i) For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 18, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the Bachelor project. On February 5, 2020, COMEX received the geochemical characterization report for the project. Questions and comments were sent to the proponent in May 2020. The proponent sent its answers to the questions and comments on November 26, 2020, followed by an addendum to the answers on April 19, 2021.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, based on the information contained therein, COMEX would like to obtain some clarifications from the proponent. A document containing further questions and comments will be enclosed with the letter to the Provincial Administrator.

**#2021-1028-02:** *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 (document containing questions and comments enclosed with the letter).*

**Action:**   **Write to the Provincial Administrator**  
              **Send questions and comments**

**7) Troilus Mine Project: Dewatering of J-4 and 87 pits, Troilus Gold**  
**Ref. No.: 3214-14-025**

- a) Follow-up on Condition 2 of the CA (July 29, 2020) – 2020 Report on small mammals
  - i) For recommendation

WHEREAS on September 28, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for Condition 2 for the global certificate of authorization issued on July 29, 2020.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the amendment to the certificate of authorization subject to a few conditions.

**#2019-1028-03:** *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the amendment to the certificate of authorization subject to two conditions (recommendation in the letter).*

**Action:**   **Write to the Provincial Administrator**  
              **Transmit a recommendation**

**8) Other business**

**a. Discussion on the wetland compensation plan**

The COMEX members discussed the article entitled “Milieux humides – Québec très loin de son objectif” published in *La Presse* on October 8, 2021. They would like details regarding the surface area of the wetlands lost as well as the financial compensations cited in the article, especially in the James Bay region. Sophie Cooper will see if it’s possible to organize a meeting between the COMEX members and one or more of the Québec government officials working on the wetland compensation plan.

**b. New owner of the Moblan Lithium project**

The members were informed that Sayona Mining has acquired the Moblan Lithium project.

**c. Cree-Québec Forestry Board**

The COMEX members went over the Cree-Québec Forestry Board's 2020-2021 annual report and noted that the format was more administrative than previous annual reports. Sophie Cooper will see if it's possible to organize a meeting between the COMEX members and one or more representatives of the Cree-Québec Forestry Board.

**d. Research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT” / Monitoring Committee meeting: Presentation of final results**

The project leader, Anick Guimond, sent a Doodle survey to several members of the monitoring committee to get their availability for a presentation of the final results. Sophie Cooper will represent COMEX at the meeting, which is scheduled for January 2022.

**e. Projects on the agenda for the meetings in November, December and early 2022**

- James Bay Lithium Mine – Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. (3214-14-055) – analysis planned for November
- Waswanipi landfill (solid waste disposal) site (3214-16-068) – analysis planned for December
- Renard Diamond Project (3214-14-041) – analysis planned for early 2022
- Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project (3214-14-053) – pending

**9) Next meetings**

- a. The next meetings are scheduled for November 25 and December 16, 2021, by video conference.
- b. A Doodle survey will be sent to the members to schedule a meeting to finalize the review of the Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project. (Date of meeting 398 B: November 11, 2021)

**10) Meeting 398 B – Video conference held on November 11, 2021**

The Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project was discussed, including the possibility of holding a public hearing. COMEX requires additional information and details from the community. All members agreed to wait until the next meeting (November 25, 2021) to finalize the project review.

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: September 30 to October 28, 2021</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Municipal landfill (solid waste disposal) site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Rhonda O. Cooper Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Follow-up on Condition 2 of the certificate of authorization	Sent: September 29, 2021	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 5, 2021 Received by COMEX: October 5, 2021	
Cree-Québec Forestry Board	Hervé Deschênes Cree-Québec Forestry Board	Luc Lainé COMEX	2020-2021 annual report	Sent: October 13, 2021 Received by COMEX: October 13, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Questions and comments	Sent: October 19, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: October 19, 2021	