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<b>DATE:</b>	November 25, 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  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 398th meeting**

The minutes of the 398th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 398th meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from October 29 to November 25, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) James Bay Lithium Mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-055**

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

WHEREAS on July 14, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an update to the environmental and social impact assessment for the James Bay Lithium Mine project, including additional information containing the answers to the third set of questions submitted to the proponent on September 14, 2020. The proponent also submitted supplementary studies on vegetation, climate resilience, sediment characterization at two additional stations, further soil characterization for Cr(VI) content, and the updated specialized study on the natural background level in soil.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and understand that the analysis is incomplete and some verifications are pending, they will continue reviewing the project at the next meeting, slated for December 16, 2021.

**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

WHEREAS following the 398B meeting on November 11, 2021, COMEX decided to hold a public hearing on the hybrid power plant project, considering that it is the first such project in the James Bay region.

Although several aspects of the project are still to be determined, including the exact date and location of the hearing in the community of Whapmagoostui, COMEX has enough information to move forward. Sophie Cooper will start organizing the hearing in Whapmagoostui and make the official announcement no later than December 23, 2021. The Regional Administrator and the proponent will be notified of COMEX's decision to hold a public hearing on the hybrid power plant project.

**#2021-1125-01:** *write to the Regional Administrator and the proponent to inform them that the COMEX members have decided to hold a public hearing in Whapmagoostui on the hybrid power plant project.*

**Action:**     **Write to the Regional Administrator and the proponent**  
                  **Send a notice of public hearing**

## **6) Other business**

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

Summary of the discussion on wetland conservation held with Mrs. Julie Rodrigue, Director, Direction des affaires autochtones, Direction générale de l'évaluation environnementale et stratégique (MELCC). The majority of the discussion was centered around the article entitled "Milieux humides – Québec très loin de son objectif" published in *La Presse* on October 8, 2021. The COMEX members 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. Mrs. Rodrigue will see if it's possible to organize a meeting between the COMEX members and one or more of the MELCC representatives involved in the project.

### **b. Cumulative impacts of transportation**

Summary of the discussion with Mrs. Julie Rodrigue regarding the possibility for COMEX to organize discussions on the cumulative impacts of transportation in the James Bay region. Mrs. Rodrigue will see if it's possible to organize a meeting between the COMEX members and one or more of the Québec government officials or organizations concerned, including the Société du Plan Nord and the Société développement de la Baie-James, to discuss the issue.

### **c. Research project CC22.1 – "Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT" / Monitoring Committee meeting: Presentation of final results**

Sophie Cooper will contact that project leader, Anick Guimond, to ask if a date has been set for a presentation of the final results to the Monitoring Committee.

**d. Projects on the agenda for the meeting in December**

- James Bay Lithium Mine – Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. (Ref. No. 3214-14-055) – Continuation of the project review
- Waswanipi landfill (solid waste disposal) site (Ref. No. : 3214-16-068) – Follow-up on Condition 2
- Renard Diamond Project (Ref. No. : 3214-14-041) – Application to amend the certificate of authorization – Progress report on the wastewater and mining effluent treatment facility
- Éléonore Mine Project (Ref. No. : 3214-14-049) – 2020 environmental and social monitoring report

**e. Departure of Brian Craik, CNG**

Brian Craik announced that the December 16, 2021 meeting would be his last as a COMEX member.

**7) Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2021, by video conference.

Appendix A					
Correspondence and follow-up: October 29 to November 25, 2021					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053	Maud Ablain MELCC	Jean-Sébastien Lavallée Critical Elements Lithium Corporation	Questions and comments	Sent: October 29, 2021 Received by COMEX: October 29, 2021	<i>For information</i>
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	Recommendation	Sent: November 4, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: November 5, 2021	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Katherine Moses Cree First Nation of Wemindji		Sent: November 8, 2021 Received by COMEX: November 8, 2021	
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	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Questions and comments	Sent: November 17, 2021 Received by COMEX: November 18, 2021	
Dewatering of J-7 and 87 pits on the old Troilus mine site, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Recommendation	Sent: November 18, 2021 Received by COMEX: November 18, 2021	