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<b>DATE:</b>	December 16, 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 399th meeting**

The minutes of the 399th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 399th meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from November 26 to December 16, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Municipal landfill (solid waste disposal) site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi**

**Ref. No.: 3214-16-068**

- a) Follow-up on Condition 2 (restoration plan)
- b) Additional information (answers to QC01)
- c) Additional information (answers to QC02)
  - i) For recommendation

The certificate of authorization for construction of a new municipal solid waste disposal site near Waswanipi was issued on March 10, 2017. Condition 2 of the certificate of authorization stipulates that the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi must submit to the Regional Administrator, for approval, a post-closure restoration plan for the disposal site previously used by the community.

WHEREAS on March 30, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, a restoration plan for the old disposal site. On July 9, 2020, COMEX sent the proponent questions and comments regarding the proposed restoration plan. The proponent's answers to the questions were received by COMEX on October 5, 2021.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and COMEX would like the proponent to clarify certain answers that it deems incomplete.

**#2021-1216-01:** *write to the Regional 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 in the letter).*

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

**5) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-042**

- a) Environmental monitoring and surveillance report, 2020
  - i) For information

WHEREAS on August 2, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, the 2020 annual report for environmental monitoring and surveillance at the Éléonore mine site.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, after studying the report, COMEX would like to send questions and comments to be addressed by the proponent in the next annual report.

*#2021-1216-02: write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like to send questions and comments to be addressed by the proponent in the next annual report (questions and comments in the letter).*

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

**6) Continuation of the review process**

**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 November 7, 2018, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the James Bay Lithium Mine project and received additional information on July 31, 2019 (answers QC01) and June 2, 2020 (answers QC02). An update to the environmental and social impact assessment as well as additional information (answers QC03) were received on July 14, 2021. 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, based on this most recent information, COMEX would like to obtain some clarifications from the proponent. A document containing the committee's questions and comments will be enclosed with the letter to the Provincial Administrator.

**#2021-1216-03:** *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) Other business**

**a. Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project (KWREC)**

The proponent approved the holding of a public hearing in Whapmagoostui, scheduled for January 26, 2022. It also confirmed that it would take part in a pre-hearing meeting and proposed a date: January 11, 2022, in the afternoon.

**Action: Write to the Regional Administrator**  
**Announce the public hearing**

**Action: Write to the proponent**  
**Invite it to the pre-hearing meeting**

**Action: Announce the public hearing on COMEX's social media platforms**

**b. Projects on the agenda for the meetings in January and February**

- Hybrid power plant project – Pre-hearing meeting
- Renard diamond mine project – Amendment to certificate of authorization– Progress report on EDOs for the mine water treatment facility

**8) Departure of Brian Craik, CNG**

**9) Next meetings**

The date of COMEX's next meeting will be set after the pre-hearing meeting with the proponent of the Hybrid Power Plant project.

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: November 26 to December 16, 2021</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
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	Maud Ablain MELCC	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources Inc.	Questions and comments	Sent: November 26, 2021 Received by COMEX: November 26, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Public hearing announcement	Sent: December 3, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 3, 2021	
	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: December 7, 2021 Received by COMEX: December 7, 2021	
Cree-Québec Forestry Board	Luc Lainé COMEX	Hervé Deschênes Chair CQFB	Meeting request	Sent: December 9, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 10, 2021	
Research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique et hydrologique EIBJ-AT-Nunavik”	Anick Guimond Project leader MTQ	Luc Lainé COMEX	Final report of results – Preliminary	Sent: December 2, 2021 Received by COMEX: December 9, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Anissa Amri Stornoway Diamonds	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Surface water and sediment quality monitoring report, 2017-2019	Sent: September 8, 2021	<i>For information</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 17, 2021 Received by COMEX: December 13, 2021	

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	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 17, 2021 Received by COMEX: December 13, 2021	