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DATE:	January 25, 2021
PLACE:	Video conference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec 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 400th meeting

The minutes of the 400th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 400th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from December 17, 2021 to January 25, 2022 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project (KWREC)

Ref. No.: 3219-10-001

- a)** Environmental and social impact assessment
- b)** Additional information
 - i)** For recommendation

COMEX met with Whapmagoostui representatives (Joshua Kawapit, Information and Communication Officer; Eddie Matsy Sr., Land and Environment Officer) to discuss the logistics of the public hearing in Whapmagoostui (i.e. location, equipment, Internet connection, use of Cree and Inuktitut translators, etc.). Mr. Kawapit informed COMEX that he had announced the holding of the public hearing via the local radio station and the Whapmagoostui First Nation's Facebook page. The announcements will be repeated several times up until February 23, 2022. A virtual practice meeting will be held between COMEX, Whapmagoostui and the proponent so that the Zoom session hosts can verify the technical needs for the hearing.

The proponent confirmed that it had been notified that the public hearing had been put off until February 23, 2022. The new date was announced on COMEX's social media platforms (website, Facebook and Twitter).

Sophie Cooper will inquire about possible accommodations in Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaraapik, transportation and travel restrictions in Cree territory and Nunavik by the Cree and Nunavik health boards.

5) Other business

a. Nadoshtin Residence

John Paul Murdoch informed the COMEX members that Hydro-Québec and the community of Eastmain will be submitting documents pertaining to the community of Eastmain use of the "Nadoshtin" camp (application for exemption, site remediation plan) to the Provincial Administrator soon. He suggested that

the proponent present the project to COMEX and COMEV and suggested that the MELCC and CNG analysts also be present during the meeting.

b. Meeting with the Cree-Québec Forestry Board

Luc Lainé and Sophie Cooper summarize the January 13 meeting between COMEX and Hervé Deschênes and Patrick Leveillé-Perreault, respectively chairman and executive director of the CQFB. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce COMEX and the CQFB and propose information sharing between the two committees. It was proposed that another meeting be held to further discuss the possibility of working together.

c. Research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT”: Presentation of the final results

Sophie Cooper attended the presentation of the final results of the research project on climate change in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Eeyou Istchee and Nunavik. The project managers presented the highlights of the project and the potential impacts of climate change on MTQ infrastructure. Ms. Cooper briefly went over the highlights of the presentation.

d. Draft agendas for the planned meetings in March:

- Renard Diamond Project
 - 2018, 2019 and 2020 annual reports
 - Monitoring reports on EDOs for the mine water treatment facility – 2017 to 2019
 - Surface water and sediment quality monitoring report, 2017-2019

6) Next meeting

COMEX will hold its next meeting on March 22, 2022.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: December 17, 2021 to January 25, 2022					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Invitation to the preparatory meeting	Sent: December 17, 2021	
	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: December 21, 2021 Received by COMEX: December 21, 2021	
Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Chief Robbie Kawapit Whapmagoostui First Nation	Announcement of the public hearing and invitation to a preparatory meeting	Sent: December 17, 2021	
Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Announcement of the public hearing	Sent: December 17, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 22, 2021	
Municipal landfill (solid waste disposal) site in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Questions and comments	Sent: December 30, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 5, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Rhonda O. Cooper Cree First Nation of Waswanipi		Sent: January 13, 2022 Received by COMEX: January 14, 2022	
Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social monitoring report, 2020 – Questions and comments	Sent: December 30, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 5, 2022	<i>For information</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Yahana Sara Opinaca Mines		Sent: January 19, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 19, 2022	
Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Agenda for the preparatory meeting	Sent: December 30, 2021	

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Whapmagoostui-Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Feedback on the preparatory meeting for the public hearing in Whapmagoostui	Sent: January 13, 2022 Received by COMEX: January 13, 2022	
James Bay Lithium Mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Questions and comments	Sent: January 14, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 17, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium	Maud Ablain MELCC		Sent: January 21, 2022 Received by COMEX: January 24, 2022	
Whapmagoostui-Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Notification of postponement of the public hearing in Whapmagoostui	Sent: January 18, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 25, 2022	
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053	Ann Gabor CELC	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (answers to QC04)	Sent: December 20, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: January 19, 2022 Received by COMEX: January 21, 2022	