



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

404th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

DATE:	May 25, 2022
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 403rd meeting

The minutes of the 403rd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 403rd meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from April 22 to May 25, 2022 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Extension of access roads “H, Section west” and “I” (Phase 2)

Ref. No.: 3214-05-075

- a)** Application to amend the certificate of authorization
- b)** Additional information (proponent’s answers to QC01)
 - i)** For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 22, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization and, on February 22, 2022, received additional information regarding the planned extension of forest access roads (Phase 2).

WHEREAS on May 20, 2022, COMEX received correspondence from the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi expressing the community’s concerns and objections regarding the project to extend the forest access roads. The correspondence included a letter signed by Chief Marcel Happyjack and documents describing the project’s impact on traditional activities carried out in the area.

WHEREAS COMEX was informed during the meeting that, in the next weeks, it would be receiving more documents describing the project’s impact on the land for information purposes. COMEX decided to wait until it has received the documents to set a timetable for completing the project review process. COMEX will write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him of the situation and transmit the letter from Chief Happyjack and the related documents.

#2022-0525-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members are waiting on more information. The documents submitted to COMEX will be forwarded to the Provincial Administrator for information purposes, as will all other documents relating to the project.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Enclose documents with correspondence

5) Hybrid power plant project in Whapmagoostui, KWREC

Ref. No.: 3219-10-001

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
- b) Additional information
- c) Feedback on the public hearing: Questions from the public
- d) Final review report
 - i) For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 23, 2021, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the above-mentioned project. COMEX studied the document as well as the questions and comments received in August 2021. COMEX conducted a public hearing on the project, in hybrid mode, on February 23, 2022.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the project-related documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Regional Administrator authorize the project, subject to conditions. The review report will be enclosed with the letter and will stipulate the conditions governing the carrying out of the project.

#2022-0525-02: *write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that he authorize the project, subject to conditions (conditions set out in the review report).*

Action: Write to the Regional Administrator
Transmit a recommendation

6) Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, CEC

Ref. No.: 3214-14-053

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
- b) Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- c) Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- d) Follow-up on public hearings - Questions and comments
- e) Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- f) Preliminary review report
 - i) For recommendation

The members discussed the drafting of the review report for the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project. A preliminary version of the report will be submitted to COMEX in the coming days. The discussion and analysis will continue during the next COMEX meeting, scheduled for June 14, 2022.

7) Other business

a. Mining the Connections conference: Report on Chairman Luc Lainé's participation

COMEX Chairman Luc Lainé was invited to take part in the Mining the Connections conference held in Québec City from April 25 to 27, 2022. Mr. Lainé talked about the mandate and operation of COMEX during a roundtable discussion on April 25, at 10:30 a.m.

b. Annual Report 2021-2022

The executive secretary will update the factual information contained in the annual report. Luc Lainé will write the chairman's message. When the report has been finalized, it will be sent for translation.

c. Projects on the agenda for the meetings in June and July:

- Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project
- James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium Inc.
- Bachelor Mine Project
- Extension of Route 167 to the Otish Mountains

8) Next meetings

COMEX will hold its next meeting by video conference on June 14, 2022. COMEX meetings are scheduled for July 26 and September 20, 2022 and will be held by video conference.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: April 22 to May 25, 2022					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
James Bay Lithium Mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Additional information (proponent's answers to QC04)	Sent: April 1, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 22, 2022 Received by COMEX: April 22, 2022	
Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Maud Ablain MELCC	Anissa Amri Stornoway Diamonds	Environmental discharge objective monitoring at the mine water treatment facility – 2017 to 2019 Questions and comments	Sent: April 26, 2022	
Moblan Lithium Mine Project, Sayona Nord Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-062	Stéphane Gosselin Sayona Nord Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information	Sent: April 14, 2022	<i>For information</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 3, 2022 Received by COMEX: May 3, 2022	
Mining and processing of 600 000 tonnes of gold ore at the Bachelor mine site, Bonterra Resources Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Marc-André Pelletier Bonterra Resources	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	2021 environmental and social monitoring report	Sent: April 25, 2022	<i>For information</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 10, 2022 Received by COMEX: May 11, 2022	
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Geneviève Bélanger Executive Secretary IAAC	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Update of the IAAC website	Sent: May 19, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 19, 2022	<i>For information</i>
Extension of access roads “H, Section west” and “I” (Phase 2) Ref. No.: 3214-05-075	Eliane Grant Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Luc Lainé COMEX	Letter from Chief Happyjack with enclosures	Sent: May 20, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 24, 2022	<i>For information</i>