



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**

**410th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**(Adopted)**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>410:</b> January 24, 2023
<b>PLACE:</b>	Eastmain, Québec
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG  Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary
<b>ABSENT:</b>	John Paul Murdoch, CNG

**1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 409th meeting**

The minutes of the 409th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 409th meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from December 6, 2022 to January 24, 2023 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Establishment of a quarry over 3 ha in size near the La Grande-3 power station, Hydro-Québec**

**Ref. No.: 3214-03-045**

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on October 5, 2022, the Review Committee (COMEX) received the environmental and social impact assessment for this quarry project.

The proponent, Hydro-Québec, currently relies on relatively far away borrow sites to obtain the quality gravel needed for its operations in the LG3 area, including maintenance of LG3 airport infrastructure, resurfacing of the Transtaiga highway, and dam and dike repair and maintenance. It's looking to open a quarry at km 7.2 on the LG3 road, on Category III lands. It chose this site primarily for the surrounding topography, easy access, the opportunity to develop a storage area and the large, long-term production potential. The extraction area is located from 150 to 400 m from the LG3 road and should supply 590,000 m<sup>3</sup> of granular material. The quarry site is wedged between the LG3 road to the west and two 735-kV power lines to the east. There are a number of wetlands nearby and one within the quarry boundaries. The quarry will include, in particular, an extraction area in the northeastern part of the site, and a service area in the southwestern part of the site. The service area will include an organic soil deposit, a crushing area and a fuel and hazardous material storage area. An access road to the quarry will be developed from the LG3 road.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and have questions and comments for the proponent.

**#2023-0124-01:** *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and have questions and comments for the proponent.*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

**Request additional information**

**5) Other business**

**a. Forest roads H and I: Discussion**

COMEX was informed that the Cree Nation Government's review of Martin Hugues St-Laurent's report on Québec's woodland caribou population will be in early February 2023. Lucas Del Vecchio and Sophie Cooper will see if COMEX can get a copy of the report.

**b. Request to meet with the Provincial Administrator**

The executive secretary will contact Provincial Administrator Marie-Josée Lizotte's people to find out her availability to meet with COMEX. A draft agenda for the meeting will be submitted to the members for approval at the next COMEX meeting.

**c. Projects on the agenda for the meetings scheduled in February and March 2023**

- James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium Inc.
  - Follow-up on the public hearings and drafting of the review report
- Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project
- Bachelor Mine, Bonterra Resources (under review)
- Whabouchi Mine – Restoration Plan, Environmental and social monitoring in 2021
- Renard Diamond Mine – Environmental and social monitoring in 2021
- Windfall mining project (submission of impact study – spring 2023)

**6) Next meeting**

The next COMEX meeting will be held on February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., by video conference.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up: December 6, 2022 to January 24, 2023**

<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-10-017	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Marie-Josée Grimard Hydro-Québec	Request for additional information	Sent: December 6, 2022 Received by COMEX: December 7, 2022	<i>For information</i>
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Allkem/Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Allkem/Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Additional information – Air dispersion modelling report	Sent: November 29, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: December 13, 2022 Received by COMEX: December 13, 2022	
Quarry C-02 expansion project, Éléonore mine site, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Recommendation to authorize the application to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: December 14, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 14, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Geneviève Pépin Goldcorp Canada	Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: January 17, 2023 Received by COMEX: January 17, 2023	
Whabouchi project - Prolonged use of the temporary camp, Nemaska Lithium Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Recommendation to authorize the application to amend the certificate of authorization and Request for additional information	Sent: December 14, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 14, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Denis Isabel Nemaska Lithium	Amendment to the certificate of authorization and Request for additional information	Sent: January 24, 2023 Received by COMEX: January 24, 2023	
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Allkem/Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Public hearings announcement	Sent: December 21, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: December 21, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>

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James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Allkem/Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Alain Coulombe Société de développement de la Baie-James	Public hearings invitation	Sent: January 9, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 9, 2023	
Connecting the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mine and relocating a segment of the 315-kV line, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-09-028	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Mathieu Bolullo Hydro-Québec	Certificate of authorization	Sent: January 12, 2023 Received by COMEX: January 12, 2023	
Aboriginal Peoples Television Network - APTN	Emelia Fournier APTN National News	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Interview request	Sent: January 18, 2023	
Natural Resources Defense Council – Extension of forest roads H, Section west and I, Matériaux Blanchet Ref. No.: 3214-05-075	Liz Barratt-Brown NRDC Canadian Program	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Meeting request	Sent: January 24, 2023	