



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  
414th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
(Adopted)**

**DATE:** May 24, 2023

**PLACE:** Video conference (Teams)

**PRESENT:** Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Robert Joly, Québec  
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG  
John Paul Murdoch, CNG  
  
Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

**ABSENT:** Luc Lainé, Chairman

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

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 413th meeting**

The minutes of the 413th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 413th meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from April 28 to May 24, 2023, 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)
- e) Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- f) Supplementary information (answers to questions)
- g) Public hearings
- h) Drafting of the review report
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 18, 2023, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, additional information concerning the west waste rock stockpile for the James Bay Lithium Mine Project.

Following the public hearings, the MRNF informed the MELCCFP that it still hadn't authorized the siting of this waste rock stockpile and that the proponent had to modify or move the stockpile in order to avoid a potentially spodumene-rich zone. The proponent responded by proposing to move the stockpile 262 metres west-southwest. Although the proposed new site will have minor environmental impacts and appears to be environmentally acceptable, there is still some doubt as to its social acceptability. In fact, this new information, which came to light after the public hearings had been held, was not made public. More specifically, it was not passed on to the community of Eastmain.

COMEX therefore recommends that the proponent inform the communities concerned about this change to the project using the best channels of communication. COMEX also asks that the proponent report to it on the comments and feedback.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and consider that the proponent must take steps to inform the communities concerned about the new site of the west waste rock stockpile.

**#2023-0524-01:** *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and consider that the proponent must take steps to inform the communities concerned about the new site of the west waste rock stockpile.*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

## **5) Other business**

### **a. Forest roads H and I: Under review**

COMEX will continue reviewing the project to extend forest roads H and I at coming meetings.

### **b. Windfall mining project**

The executive secretary gave a brief progress report on the project analysis being conducted by the MELCCFP.

### **c. Annual Report 2022-2023**

A preliminary version was submitted to the COMEX members for review. The annual report will be approved at the meeting in June.

### **a. Projects on the agenda for the meetings scheduled in June and July 2023**

- James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium Inc.
  - Drafting of the review report
- Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project
- Windfall mining project

## **6) Next meeting**

The next meeting of COMEX will be held on June 28, 2023, by video conference.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up: April 28 to May 24, 2023**

<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 MELCCFP	Marc-André Pelletier Bonterra Resources	Additional information - Questions and undertakings (QC03)	Sent: April 28, 2023 Received by COMEX: May 1, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
Windfall mining project, Osisko Mining Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	Vanessa Millette Osisko Mining	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	<i>Environmental Impact Assessment</i>	Sent: April 27, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 12, 2023 Received by COMEX: May 16, 2023	
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainée COMEX	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Follow-up on conditions of the CA	Sent: May 17, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 18, 2023	<i>For information</i>
Whabouchi Spodumene Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Denis Isabel Nemaska Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	2022 environmental and social monitoring report	Sent: May 15, 2023	<i>For information</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Luc Lainée COMEX		Sent: May 23, 2023 Received by COMEX: May 24, 2023	