



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
425th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Adopted)**

DATE: May 21, 2024

PLACE: Marie-Guyart Building, Québec City, QC

PRESENT: Luc Lainé, Chairman
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Joly, Québec
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 424th meeting

The members proposed a few corrections to point 4. After amendment, the minutes of the 424th meeting were adopted.

Action: Translate and file the 424th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence follow-up

The follow-up to correspondence between April 25, 2024 and May 24, 2024 is presented in Appendix A.

4) Windfall mining project by Windfall Mining Group

Ref.: 3214-14-059

- a) Environmental and social impact assessment
- b) Addendum: Impact study
 - For recommendation

On April 4, 2023, the Review Committee (COMEX) received for recommendation the environmental and social impact study for the Windfall mining project. In August 2023, correspondence was sent to the proponent informing it that COMEX members considered the impact study incomplete and that it would have to submit all the missing information to the Provincial Administrator so that COMEX could continue its analysis of the project. On January 29, 2024, COMEX received an addendum to the impact study.

The members of COMEX have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent, and following analysis of this information, COMEX would like to obtain certain clarifications from the proponent. An initial version of a questions and comments document was submitted to COMEX for review. Following comments provided by MELCCFP and CNG analysts, COMEX is awaiting verification on a few aspects of the project before continuing with the drafting of the document.

5) James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Allkem/Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.

Ref.: 3214-14-055

- a) Condition monitoring - Wetlands and waterbodies
- b) Follow-up on Condition 14 - Fish loss habitat compensation plan
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on February 12, 2024, COMEX received for recommendation the wetland and waterbody compensation plan for the James Bay lithium mine project. The proponent proposes three separate compensation projects: (1) wetland creation for migratory birds,

(2) moose habitat creation, and (3) drinking water supply improvement for the Cree community of Eastmain.

WHEREAS COMEX received on February 21, 2024, for recommendation, the fish habitat compensation plan for the James Bay lithium mine project. The proponent is proposing to replace two defective culverts on a watercourse 150 km north of the James Bay mine site, in order to re-establish free fish passage between a body of water some 100 metres downstream of the culverts and a few hundred metres of the watercourse upstream.

WHEREAS COMEX members have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, following analysis of this latest information, COMEX wishes to obtain certain clarifications from the proponent. A letter, with questions and comments to be submitted to the proponent, will be forwarded to the Provincial Administrator.

#2024-0521-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that COMEX members have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and wish to obtain additional information on various aspects of the monitoring projects that they think should be clarified.*

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Transmittal of a Request for additional information**

6) Other business

a) Pilot projects for the woodland caribou population of Charlevoix and the mountain caribou population of Gaspésie

The Executive Secretary informed COMEX members that public consultation for the pilot woodland caribou projects began on April 30, 2024, and that documents concerning these projects are available online. COMEX members are invited to complete the survey, available until July 30, 2024, if they wish.

b) COMEX Annual Report 2023–2204

The Executive Secretary plans to submit a first draft of COMEX 2023-2024 annual report for review at the next meeting scheduled for June 27, 2024.

c) Workshop at Québec Mines + Energy 2024

A proposal for a COMEX-organized workshop, on the cumulative impacts of transportation caused by the mining industry on roads in Eeyou Istchee James Bay, was sent on May 2, 2024. The Executive Secretary is awaiting a response from the Québec Mine et Énergie organizing committee.

d) Projects on the agenda for the meetings scheduled for June/July 2024

- James Bay Lithium Mine Project - Monitoring of conditions (Construction transportation plan)
- Rose Lithium-Tantale Mining Project - MODCA and Condition Monitoring (Responses QC01: Camp and Borrow Pit Addition)
- Whabouchi Mining Project - MODCA: Optimization of mining operations (Air quality/contaminant dispersion modelling is incomplete - June/July 2024)

7) Next meeting

The next COMEX meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2024, by videoconference.

| Appendix A | | | | | |
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| Follow-up correspondence from April 25, 2024 to May 21, 2024 | | | | | |
| Project | From | To | Document | Date | Action - Comments |
| Rose Lithium-Tantalum by Corporation Lithium Éléments Critiques inc Ref.: 3214-14-053 | Nancy Duquet-Harvey CELC | Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP | Additional information (Answers to questions and comments: Monitoring condition 7 - PM management) | Transmitted April 19, 2024 | <i>For information</i> |
| | Murielle Vachon MELCCFP | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Transmitted April 26, 2024 Received by COMEX on April 26, 2024 | |
| Development project of a new in-trench landfill at Wemindji by the Cree Nation of Wemindji Ref.: 3219-16-002 | Luc Lainé COMEX | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator CNG | Transmission of a request for additional information (questions and comments - QC01) | Transmitted April 24, 2024 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator CNG | Howard MacDonald Cree Nation of Wemindji | | Transmitted April 29, 2024 Received by COMEX on April 29, 2024 | |
| Éléonore mining project, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. Ref. Ref.: 3214-14-042 | Geneviève Pepin Newmont (Canada) | Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP | Application to amend certificate of authorization - Tailings impoundment expansion | Transmitted April 26, 2024 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Murielle Vachon MELCCFP | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Transmitted April 30, 2024 Received COMEX May 1, 2024 | |
| Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Ref. Ref.: 3214-14-052 | Denis Isabel Nemaska Lithium | Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP | Application to amend the certificate of authorization - Additional information: Answers to QC01 - Construction of an overpass, bypass and widening of Route du Nord | Transmitted April 24, 2024 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Murielle Vachon MELCCFP | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Transmitted May 8, 2024 Received COMEX May 8, 2024 | |

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| | Murielle Vachon MELCCFP | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Transmitted May 15, 2024 Received COMEX May 15, 2024 | |
| Troilus Mine Project by Troilus Gold Corp. Ref.: 3214-14-025 | Mathieu Michaud Troilus Gold | Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP | Post-closure environmental and social monitoring report 2023 | Transmitted March 25, 2024 | <i>For information</i> |
| | Murielle Vachon MELCCFP | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Transmitted May 15, 2024 Received COMEX May 15, 2024 | |