



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
436th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Adopted)**

DATE:	June 26, 2025
PLACE:	Videoconference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG
ABSENT:	Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda for the 436th meeting was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 435th meeting

The minutes of the 435th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 435th meeting minutes.

3) Correspondence follow-up

The follow-up correspondence from May 28, 2025, to June 26, 2025, is presented in Appendix A.

4) Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation

Ref.: 3214-14-053

- a) Monitoring of condition 24 – Emergency measures plan
 - For information

WHEREAS on January 18, 2024, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information, the emergency measures plan for the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project. This document was produced by the proponent to meet the requirements of condition 24 of the certificate of authorization issued on October 31, 2022.

In the introduction to the document, the proponent states that the emergency measures plan will be updated and shared with the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP), the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government and the local governments of Eastmain and Nemaska. The plan will be updated before the construction and operation phases begin to reflect any changes that may affect emergency management. The proponent also reiterates the commitments made to these government bodies.

The plan briefly outlines the different phases of the project and identifies high-risk activities and potential emergency situations for each phase. The circumstances in which the emergency measures plan would be activated are described and diagrammed, as is the response process according to the level of emergency.

WHEREAS the members of COMEX have reviewed the document submitted by the proponent. COMEX recommends that questions and comments be forwarded to the proponent, as some clarifications are required before completing the analysis of condition 24. A letter with questions and comments will be forwarded to the Provincial Administrator.

#2025-0626-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that questions and comments be sent to the proponent.*

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Send questions and comments**

**5) James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.
Ref.: 3214-14-055**

- a) Monitoring of condition 24 – Transportation management plan for the operational phase
- Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 3, 2024, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the transportation management plan for mining operations at the James Bay lithium mine. Additional information (answers to questions and comments) was also received on May 6, 2025. This plan was produced by the proponent to meet the requirements of condition 24 of the certificate of authorization issued on December 27, 2023.

The preliminary version of the plan outlines general rules for driving on the roads, training and awareness-raising activities for drivers, and rules for off-site travel. However, several required elements are still missing or incomplete.

WHEREAS the members of COMEX have reviewed the document submitted by the proponent. COMEX finds that the transportation management plan is incomplete and does not meet the requirements of condition 24 of the certificate of authorization. COMEX recommends that a second set of questions and comments be sent to the proponent. COMEX also recommends that the proponent be reminded of the importance of providing complete and coherent answers to questions and comments, as well as providing final and updated versions of documents.

#2025-0626-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that a second round of questions and comments be sent to the proponent.*

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Send a request for additional information
 Send questions and comments (2nd round)**

**6) Project to dewater pits J-4 and 87 at the former Troilus mine site
Ref.: 3214-14-025**

- a) Monitoring report on pit dewatering activities – 2024
 - For information

WHEREAS on April 2, 2025, the Committee (COMEX) received, for information, the 2024 environmental and social monitoring report, relating to the dewatering of pits J-4 and 87 on the site of the former Troilus mine.

WHEREAS the members of COMEX have reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and note that the environmental and social monitoring report generally meets the proponent's commitments, as well as the conditions of and modifications to the certificate of authorization. However, additional information and adjustments to the dewatering monitoring program are required. COMEX recommends that questions and comments be forwarded to the proponent.

#2025-0626-03: *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that questions and comments be sent to the proponent.*

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Send questions and comments**

7) Other business

a) Retirement of Marie-Josée Lizotte, Deputy Minister

The Executive Secretary informed COMEX members that Marie-Josée Lizotte, Deputy Minister of the MELCCFP and Provincial Administrator for sections 22 and 23 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA), had announced her retirement. Chairman Luc Lainé proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms. Lizotte to thank her for her contribution. A draft letter will be drawn up and submitted to COMEX members for review.

b) Participation in IAIA 2026

The Executive Secretary informed COMEX members that the deadline for submitting a session proposal to the IAIA (International Association for Impact Assessment) conference is July 28, 2025. The congress will be held in Québec City from May 19 to 22, 2026, under the theme of "Misinformation, disinformation, communication and impact assessment." A session summary will be drawn up and submitted to COMEX members for review.

c) 2024–2025 COMEX annual report

A first draft of the 2024–2025 COMEX annual report will be sent to COMEX members for review before the meeting scheduled for July 29, 2025.

d) Projects on the agenda for the meetings scheduled for spring 2025

- Eastmain and Rupert diversion hydroelectric project – Monitoring reports
- Whabouchi mining project – MODCA: Extension of temporary camp use
- Aggregate mining project at the Waskaganish sand pit – MODCA
- James Bay lithium mine project – Condition monitoring

8) Next meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2025, by videoconference. The dates of the meetings scheduled for fall 2025 will be decided at this meeting.

Appendix A					
Follow-up correspondence from May 28, 2025, to June 26, 2025					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
161-kV power line construction for BlackRock Metals' mine facilities, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3214-09-027	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Mathieu Drolet Hydro-Québec	Closure of the file	Sent June 2, 2025 Received COMEX June 3, 2025	<i>For information</i>
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of an application to amend the certificate of authorization issued on December 27, 2023 – Heating strategy	Sent May 9, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent June 6, 2025 Received COMEX June 9, 2025	
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of an application to amend the certificate of authorization issued on December 27, 2023 – Wording of condition 11	Sent May 21, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent June 6, 2025 Received COMEX June 9, 2025	
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of additional information – Monitoring of condition 14: Fish habitat compensation plan (proponent's answers to questions and comments)	Sent May 26, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent June 6, 2025 Received COMEX June 9, 2025	

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Natural aggregate mining project on James Bay Cree Nation Category II lands, Cree Nation of Waskaganish Ref.: 3214-03-030	Sébastien Dupuis Stantec	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of an application to amend the certificate of authorization issued on June 8, 2015 – Adjustment of deposit mining periods	Sent May 27, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent June 9, 2025 Received COMEX June 10, 2025	
Whabouchi mine project, Nemaska Lithium Inc. Ref.: 3214-14-052	Denis Isabel Nemaska Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Monitoring of condition 24 of the certificate of authorization issued on September 8, 2015 – Environmental and social monitoring program	Sent May 28, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent June 2, 2025 Received COMEX June 16, 2025	