

Comité d'examen Review Committee

MINUTES OF THE

284th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE (COMEX)

(APPROVED)

DATE: November 7 and 11, 2011

PLACE: Conference room at the James Bay Advisory Committee on the

Environment office

383, rue Saint-Jacques, Bureau C-220

PRESENT: Pierre Mercier (P.M), Chairperson, Québec

Daniel Berrouard (D.B.), Québec Robert Lemieux (R.L.), Québec

Brian Craik (B.C.), CRA Philip Awashish (P.A.), CRA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the following agenda was adopted:

- 1) Opinaca Mines Eleonore mining project
- 2) Project to extend Route 167 Nord

1. OPINACA MINES – ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

The Committee members went over the latest changes made to the review report and each of the conditions recommended in the report. The conditions pertain primarily to:

- the construction and operation phases of the project;
- the requirements relating to mining facilities, in particular tailings pond quality and monitoring;
- harbour and airport facilities;
- residual materials management;
- environmental and social follow-up;
- emergency measures;
- the site remediation, mine shutdown and decomissioning phases of the projet.

The members agreed to recommend that the Administrator authorize the project and send a letter to that effect, along with the report, in the following days.

2. PROJECT TO EXTEND ROUTE 167 NORD

The meeting resumed by way of a conference call on November 11, 2011. The members discussed the latest changes made to the document describing COMEX's recommendation on the project. The members had discussed the changes during the week of November 7. After addressing the remaining points for discussion, in particular controlling access during the construction and operation phases, measures for managing sport fishing and hunting, and woodland caribou monitoring, the members agreed that the project could be authorized and that a recommendation to that effect would be made to the Administrator based on the prepared document and the changes discussed.

It was agreed that D.B. would send the members a revised version of the document by the end of the day so that they can give it a final read-over. It was also agreed that the Chairperson's cover letter to be sent with the recommendation, which the members read, will discuss the issues addressed by the Committee and state the importance of raising government authorities' awareness of some of the issues raised by Mistissini residents during the public hearings, including user safety and the measures to be taken to ensure user safety.