



## Review Committee

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## 288th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

**(ADOPTED)**

**PLACE:** Conference room at the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment office  
383, rue Saint-Jacques, Bureau 220

Executive Secretary: Stéphane Cossette

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and the following agenda was adopted:

- 1) Adoption of the minutes of the 286th and 287th meetings**
- 2) Business arising from the 287th meeting and correspondence**
- 3) Bachelor Lake mining project**
- 4) Remediation of the Troilus mine site**
- 5) Eleonore mining project – amended CA**
- 6) Eastmain-1-A/Rupert**
  - a) Follow-up to the visits on March 5-8**
  - b) Comments in preparation for the March 21 meeting**
  - c) Follow-up reports received since the last meeting**
- 7) Other business**
- 8) Date and place of the next meeting**

## **1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 286th AND 287th MEETINGS**

Deferred.

## **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 287th MEETING AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received since the last meeting:

- February 7, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Additional information on the Eleonore mining project;
- February 10, 2012, from Paul Letendre. Acknowledgement of receipt, additional information on the Eleonore mining project;
- February 10, 2012, from Paul Letendre. Acknowledgement of receipt, amended CA for the Langlois mine;
- February 13, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Eastmain-1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Generating Project, Hydro-Québec - navigation conditions lot 5;
- February 13, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Eastmain-1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Generating Project, Hydro-Québec - navigation conditions lots 2 and 4;
- February 13, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Eastmain-1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Generating Project, Hydro-Québec – ice-cover monitoring;
- February 14, 2012, from Brian Craik. Bachelor Lake mining project;
- February 16, 2012, from Brian Craik. Bachelor Lake mining project;
- February 21, 2012, from Marc Jetten. Letter to Claude Villeneuve regarding the assessment and review procedure for the territory covered by the JBNQA;
- February 24, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Summary of the impact statement for the BlackRock mining project;
- February 24, 2012, from Paul Letendre. Acknowledgement of receipt of the letter sent to Isaac Voyageur regarding the permanent access road to Mistissini;
- February 24, 2012, from Paul Letendre. Acknowledgement of receipt of the letter regarding the permanent access road to Mistissini;
- February 24, 2012, from Paul Letendre. Acknowledgement of receipt of the February 20 letter regarding Route 167 North;
- February 27, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Eastmain-1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Generating Project, Hydro-Québec – Follow-up on the integration of Cree workers;
- February 27, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Eastmain-1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Generating Project, Hydro-Québec – Monitoring of winter conditions in whitefish spawning grounds;
- March 1, 2012, from Isaac Voyageur. Application for authorization to increase the capacity of Waswanipi's wastewater treatment plant;
- March 1, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Letter to Denis Blais of the MTQ regarding additional information on the request to amend the CA for the extension of Route 167 North;
- March 1, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Request to amend the CA for Opinaca Mines' Eleonore mining project;

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- March 2, 2012, from Alan Penn. E-mail sending supplementary documents on the project to increase the capacity of Waswanipi's wastewater treatment plant;
  - March 2, 2012, from Daniel Berrouard. E-mail regarding the Troilus mine closure and remediation plan;
  - March 2, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Transmission of the amended CA for Breakwater Resources' Langlois mine;
  - March 6, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Transmission of a revised English version of Volume 3 of the impact statement and figures in English for volumes 1 and 2;
  - March 12, 2012, from Brian Craik. E-mail regarding the CRA's comments on the Bachelor Lake mining project;
  - March 12, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. Letter to Emmett MacLeod regarding the request for additional information on the Mistissini access road and bridge;
  - March 13, 2012, from Jean-François Coulombe. French and English summaries of the impact statement for Stornoway's Renard Diamond Project;
  - March 14, 2012, from Brian Craik. E-mail regarding the CRA's comments on the Bachelor Lake mining project.

### **3. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT**

SC presented the document prepared by the MDDEP containing questions and comments on the impact statement, copies of which had been e-mailed to members a few days earlier. The discussions dealt primarily with questions 34 and 50. It was agreed not to go any further into Question 34 and that conditions could be set if necessary. It was agreed to modify Question 50 to include a reference to paragraph 28.10.4 of the JBNQA and section 5.2 of the *Paix des Braves*. These corrections will be made to the document and a new version will be submitted to the members for their approval. COMEX expects to send the document to the Administrator in the week of March 19.

At the last meeting, the possibility of holding public hearings to validate Waswanipi residents' views on the project was discussed. The matter was raised again at the present meeting. The members agreed that hearings would be held in Waswanipi, possibly on May 16 and 17, 2012. It was also agreed a courtesy visit should be paid to Desmaraisville in the afternoon. The proponent will be contacted to see if it would have time to answer the questions by then. The Waswanipi Band Council will then be contacted to see if the proposed dates are suitable.

### **4. REMEDIATION OF THE TROILUS MINE SITE**

One of the conditions of the amended certificate of authorization issued on November 3, 2010 for remediation of the Troilus mine site stipulated that the proponent must consider redeveloping some shallow bodies of water and revegetating the tailings site to favour their use by waterfowl. The condition further stated that this redevelopment could be carried out on an experimental basis and that the proponent must submit a proposal to be discussed by the various stakeholders, including the Review Committee. Based on the

discussions held with stakeholders, the MRNF apparently approves of developing a 40-ha wildlife site. The drainage basin will not be diverted and the water body will not be supported by the dikes. Lastly, water will continue to be treated until the quality criteria are reached. Based on this information, the members agreed that Condition 7 of the amended certificate of authorization could be modified to stipulate that the redeveloped tailings pond will be approximately 40 ha in size and that enhancements and revegetation must be designed to attract wildfowl. In this regard, the members recommended that the work be carried out this year and that the proponent be required to submit, no later than 2015, a follow-up report on the work carried out, indicating whether adjustments need to be made.

## **5. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT – AMENDED CA**

On March 1, COMEX received an application for authorization to operate three sandpits and one quarry and to expand one of the sandpits. The company wants to extract material from several borrow pits for the construction of a road. After discussing this matter as well as the fact that the company would hold operating rights for several borrow pits even if it doesn't use them, the members agreed that a time period for using the pits should be set and that at the end of that period the land should be available to other users, as the case may be.

BC wanted to know if the sites concerned have been visited to make sure they contain enough material. This information will determine whether or not the pits and quarry should be authorized. The proponent will be contacted in the coming days to clarify the situation.

## **6. EASTMAIN-1-A/RUPERT**

### **a) Follow-up to the visits on March 5-8**

On March 5-8, RL and SC visited the communities where public consultations will be held. They were welcomed by the communities, and the band council was informed of COMEX's needs regarding interpreters as well as caterers to supply beverages and snacks for breaks. People from Hydro-Québec visited the sites of the consultations to make sure there is a cell phone signal and there are Internet connections. The visits also served to check the quality of lodging and restaurants in the communities as well as at the Eastmain and LG1 workcamps.

The dates of the consultations in Waskaganish could not be confirmed, but the community hall is not available on June 11 and 12. The deputy chief will talk to the chief and get back to the Committee with new dates.

In Wemindji, the possibility of moving the consultations ahead a day was raised with the chief, who agreed. The consultations will take place on June 11 and 12.

### **b) Comments in preparation for the March 21 meeting**

A meeting with Hydro-Québec is planned for March 21, 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to give COMEX an overview, prior to the consultations in June 2012, of the

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work carried out with respect to mitigation and development measures for the communities of Mistissini, Nemaska and Waskaganish. A similar meeting to discuss the measures for the other communities is planned for April 27.

**c) Follow-up reports received since the last meeting**

Discussed in Item 2.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

The progress in reviewing the BlackRock and Stornoway projects was discussed. As mentioned at the previous meeting, COMEX hopes to hold public hearings on the BlackRock project in the last week of August and on the Stornoway project, in the first week of September. DB mentioned that consultations within and between government departments have begun and an extension of the deadlines for submitting certain technical opinions has been requested. Draft documents containing questions and comments should be ready by mid-April. Given the planned consultations in June and the objectives of the public consultations, COMEX will have to submit its questions before June. PM said it would be worthwhile visiting the sites. The visits could be made in July and CRA analysts could be invited.

**8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next COMEX meeting will be held on March 21, 2012, in Montréal.