

MINUTES OF THE
301st MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

DATE: Monday, December 17, 2012

PLACE: Conference call

PRESENT: Pierre Mercier, Chairperson, Québec
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Lemieux, Québec
Brian Craik, CRA
Philip Awashish, CRA

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and the following agenda was adopted:

- 1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the 300th meeting**
- 3) Correspondence since the last meeting**
- 4) Eleonore mining project**
 - a. Recommendation on the request to amend the certificate of authorization (4-point request)**
- 5) Route 167 Nord extension**
 - a. Requests to amend the certificate of authorization**
- 6) Follow-up on the consultations on the Eastmain 1A/Rupert project**
- 7) BlackRock Metals' mining project**
 - a. Request for a certificate of authorization**
- 8) Representations made to the Deputy Minister by the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee last November**
- 9) Other business**
- 10) Date and place of the next meeting**

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 300th MEETING

Deferred to the next meeting.

3) CORRESPONDENCE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Deferred to the next meeting.

4) ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

a. Recommendation on the request to amend the certificate of authorization (4-point request)

COMEX will be able to make a recommendation on three of the four elements of the proponent's request, i.e. the aspects related to the ore transfer area, the capacity of the waste rock dump and the access road to the tailings site. A draft recommendation will be prepared. COMEX is still reviewing the new industrial effluent discharge point and will make a recommendation once it has finished.

COMEX also received a request for amendment to enlarge Quarry C-02 in order to build and maintain the roads and infrastructures related to the Eleonore mining project. The Committee will send its recommendation to the Administrator, stipulating the condition that the tallyman concerned must be informed.

MDDEFP and MRN are verifying aspects of the agreement to be entered into between Opinaca Mines and Hydro-Québec in accordance with Condition 2.3 of the certificate of the authorization.

5) ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION

a. Requests to amend the certificate of authorization

COMEX will be able to make a recommendation on the request to amend the certificate of authorization for sandpits located less than 75 metres from watercourses (D-150 A and B, D-160, D-175, D-176 and D-186) on Lot C. The recommendation will include conditions, including the requirement to prepare follow-up programs.

As regards watercourse crossings, COMEX is in favour of some of the requests, but in certain cases the crossing would encroach beyond 50% of the bed of a watercourse. Consequently, the interpretation of the *Regulation respecting standards of forest management* (RNI) needs to be clarified with MRN.

The access roads to sandpits could be authorized, except for one that cuts across a peat bog (road leading to D-187) and another one whose access crosses a major watercourse. More information on these two access roads is needed.

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Lastly, the proponent's request with regard to waste areas is acceptable. However, authorization is conditional upon maintenance of a buffer strip at least 75 metres wide along watercourses for all waste areas and the provision of information to the tallymen concerned.

Draft recommendations will be prepared.

The MTQ submitted a request to change the name of the holder of the certificate of authorization for lots C and D. Accordingly, Stornoway is responsible for submitting a request for amendment if it wishes to make changes to the project (forest road). It is also responsible for building the last section of the road, but this work will be performed by a subcontractor, i.e. Chantiers Chibougamau.

6) FOLLOW-UP ON CONSULTATIONS ON THE EASTMAIN 1A/RUPERT PROJECT

A thorough analysis will be conducted to highlight the views expressed during the public consultations and determine the breadth and direction of the consultation report. In particular, COMEX must determine whether Hydro-Québec has fulfilled its obligations under Condition 9.2 of the certificate of authorization issued for this project in November 2006. A meeting will be held on January 7 to discuss the content of the report.

7) BLACKROCK METALS' MINING PROJECT

a. Request for a certificate of authorization

COMEX is still reviewing this project and is waiting for the announced hydrology study. The results of the study will determine if the Committee needs to ask additional questions or if it will prepare an analysis report.

8) REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER BY THE HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING COORDINATING COMMITTEE LAST NOVEMBER

Deferred to a future meeting.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

No item added.

10) DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 7 in Montréal, at 12:00 p.m.