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**(Adopted)**

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and the following agenda was adopted with changes:

- 1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the 304th meeting
- 3) Correspondence since the last meeting
- 4) BlackRock mining project
  - a) Public hearings, possible dates: June 3 and 4, 2013
  - b) Proposed construction of a 161-kV power transmission line by Hydro-Québec – Additional questions
- 5) Bachelor Lake mining project
  - a) Comments on the raising of berms
  - b) Restoration plan for the mine site
- 6) Eleonore mining project
  - a) Request to amend condition 2.7 of the certificate of authorization: cyanide concentrations in tailings
- 7) Whabouchi mining project
  - a) Application for a certificate of authorization
- 8) Eastmain water supply system
  - a) Application for a certificate of authorization
- 9) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project
  - a) Three reports received in March 2013
- 10) Route 167 North extension –Stornoway Diamond Corp.
  - a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization
  - b) Technical meeting with Martin Boucher
- 11) Other business
- 12) Date and place of the next meeting

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 304th MEETING**

The minutes of the 304th meeting were adopted as presented.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

All correspondence received and sent since the last meeting is appended to these minutes.

**4. BLACKROCK MINING PROJECT**

**a. Public hearings, possible dates: June 3 and 4, 2013**

A second set of additional questions was sent to the proponent, who informed COMEX that the latter should receive the requested information by the end of April.

Simultaneous translation services will be available at the public hearings in Oujé-Bougoumou. Participants who wish to speak in Cree or English may do so.

The chiefs of the Cree nations of Oujé-Bougoumou and Mistissini, the proponent and the Innu Nation of Mashteuiatsh, which submitted a brief to COMEX, will be informed of the possible dates of the public consultations. Hydro-Québec will also be informed given its planned 161-kV power transmission line to supply power to the mining project.

**b. Proposed construction of a 161-kV power transmission line by Hydro-Québec – Additional questions**

The latest comments will be incorporated into the document containing the additional questions for the proponent, which will then be sent to the Administrator.

**5. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT**

**a. Comments on the raising of berms**

A comment regarding the start-up of the cyanide destruction system will be sent to the proponent.

**b. Restoration plan for the mine site**

The restoration plan was submitted to COMEX for its recommendation. The review process is in progress.

**6. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT**

**a. Request to amend condition 2.7 of the certificate of authorization: cyanide concentrations in tailings**

The proponent's request was sent to COMEX. A technical review is required to ensure the optimal method is employed, in particular for measuring cyanide concentrations.

**7. WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT**

**a. Application for a certificate of authorization**

This project involves the development of a spodumene deposit and operation of an open-pit mine near Nemaska, in the James Bay Territory. Site preparation will entail deforestation work on an area roughly 140 hectares in size. In addition, infrastructure will have to be built to prepare borrow pits and access to the ore deposit. Extracted ore will be processed on site to produce a  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  concentrate.

The impact statement has been submitted and the environmental assessment is in progress.

**8. EASTMAIN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

**a. Application for a certificate of authorization**

COMEX recommended that this project be subject to environmental assessment. Additional clarifications were requested from the proponent, as the information provided was deemed to constitute an impact statement. COMEX has now received all of the information it needs to review the project and make a recommendation. Collaboration will be sought from the CRA and the MDDEFP regional office.

**9. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT PROJECT**

**a. Three reports received in March 2013**

- Mean daily flows produced by the LG-1 generating station and released downstream in the direction of Chisasibi, submitted in keeping with the commitment made during the public consultation session held on November 13, 2012

Sent by: Céline Belzile, by email, March 7, 2013

The data provided was requested during the public consultation session in Chisasibi.

- Report on the activities governed by the 2001 Mercury Agreement and the evolution of mercury levels in fish, submitted in accordance with condition 6.5 of the C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013

The purpose of condition 6.5 of the certificate of authorization was to inform the population of mercury levels in fish.

- Report on the agreements reached between tallymen and the SEBJ at the end of 2012, submitted in accordance with condition 6.11 of the C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013

Pertinent information, particularly in terms of the project's social acceptability and local spinoffs.

**10. ROUTE 167 NORTH EXTENSION – STORNOWAY DIAMOND CORP.**

**a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization**

**b. Technical meeting with Martin Boucher**

Following Stornoway's request to amend the C.A. in relation to the Route 167 extension project, it was agreed to hold a technical meeting with the proponent to obtain details on aspects requiring further clarification following the project review. Proposed points for discussion were sent to the proponent in preparation for the meeting.

Martin Boucher, Sustainable Development Manager at Stornoway, and Jacqueline Roy of Roche met with COMEX. All of the proposed points were discussed. Stornoway will send its responses to the questions and comments in writing to the Administrator.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

To be determined.

**COMEX**  
**Correspondence: March 6-April 5, 2013**

- *Route 167 North (Stornoway Diamond Corp.)*
  - Letter concerning the requested meeting  
Attention: Martin Boucher, March 13, 2013
  - Update to the impact statement – Project to build a mining road connecting Route 167 to the Renard Diamond Mine (request to amend the C.A.)  
Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013
  - Letter concerning the technical aspects to be discussed at a meeting between COMEX and proponent  
Attention: Clément d'Astous, April 5, 2013
- *Route 167 North (Ministère des Transports)*
  - Copy of the amendment to the C.A. for work on Lot C (km 143 to 195): watercourse crossings, access to sandpits and waste disposal areas  
Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 18, 2013
  - Recommendation regarding quarries (CA-106 and CA-137N) for Lot B  
Attention: Clément d'Astous, March 13, 2013 – Copy of the amendment to the certificate of authorization, March 28, 2013
- *Eastmain water supply system*
  - Application for a certificate of authorization: responses to COMEV's questions  
Sent by: Isaac Voyageur, March 28, 2013
- *BlackRock mining project*
  - Additional questions sent  
Attention: Clément d'Astous, March 13, 2013 – Acknowledgement of receipt from Paul Letendre, March 19, 2013 – Copy of questions sent by Mireille Paul, March 21, 2013

▪ *Bachelor Mine*

- Additional questions sent

Attention: Clément d'Astous, March 13, 2013 – Acknowledgement of receipt from Paul Letendre, March 19, 2013 – Copy of questions sent by Mireille Paul, March 28, 2013

▪ *Eleonore Mine*

- Request to amend condition 2.7 of the C.A. – Cyanide concentrations in tailings

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 11, 2013

- Copy of the letter requesting clarifications regarding the industrial wastewater discharge point

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 20, 2013

▪ *Langlois Mine*

- Copy of the final report on surface water, sediment and fish population monitoring (*Rapport final pour le suivi environnemental de l'eau de surface, des sédiments et de l'état des populations de poissons*): Sent to COMEX for information purposes

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013

▪ *Whabouchi Mine*

- Impact statement, for authorization

Sent by: Mireille Paul, April 5, 2013

▪ *Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project*

- Mean daily flows produced by the LG-1 generating station and released downstream in the direction of Chisasibi, submitted in keeping with the commitment made during the public consultation session held on November 13, 2012: Sent to COMEX for information purposes

Sent by: Céline Belzile, by email, March 7, 2013

- Copy of the report on the activities governed by the 2001 Mercury Agreement and the evolution of mercury levels in fish (*Bilan des activités régies par la convention sur le mercure (2001) et état de la situation concernant l'évolution des teneurs en mercure dans le poisson pour la SEBJ*), submitted in accordance with condition 6.5 of the C.A.:

Sent to COMEX for information purposes

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013

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- Copy of the report on the agreements reached between tallymen and the SEBJ at the end of 2012 (*Bilan des engagements avec les maîtres de trappage à la fin 2012 pour la SEBJ*), submitted in accordance with condition 6.11 of the C.A.: Sent to COMEX for information purposes

Sent by: Mireille Paul, March 22, 2013