

# MINUTES OF THE

# 306th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013

**PLACE:** Meeting room, James Bay Advisory

Committee on the Environment office 383, rue Saint-Jacques, Bureau C-220

**PRESENT:** Pierre Mercier, Chairperson, Québec

Philip Awashish, CRA Brian Craik, CRA

Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Lemieux, Québec

**GUEST:** Pierre-Michel Fontaine (MDDEFP) (afternoon)

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 305th meeting
- 3) Correspondence since the last meeting
- 4) BlackRock mining project
  - a) Public consultations, dates: June 11 and 12, 2013
  - b) Responses to questions
- 5) Route 167 North extension Stornoway Diamond Corp.
  - a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization
- 6) Eleonore mining project
  - a) Request to amend condition 2.7 of the certificate of authorization: cyanide concentrations in tailings
  - b) Site of the industrial wastewater discharge point
- 7) Bridge, borrow pit and access road project in Mistissini
  - a) Follow-up on the 7 conditions of the certificate of authorization
- 8) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project
  - a) Requests to amend the C.A.
  - fish and spawning ground enhancements (conditions 5.3 and 5.31 5.6 5.18 and 5.25 5.24)
  - 2013 planning of access roads to traplines and Cree camps (condition 2.6)
  - b) Information on reports
  - Suivi de l'hydrologie, de l'hydraulique et du régime thermique en milieu continental 2011, submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, April 17, 2013

- Suivi du hibou des marais, de la chouette lapone et de la mouette de Bonaparte – 2012, submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, April 17, 2013

# c) Public consultations report

- 9) Other business
- 10) Date and place of the next meeting

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 305th MEETING

Deferred to the next meeting.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Deferred to the next meeting.

#### 4. BLACKROCK MINING PROJECT

a. Public hearings, dates: June 11 and 12, 2013

The members were informed that the proponent asked the COMEX secretariat and the analyst from the MDDEFP to see if it would be possible to hold the public consultations on this project in conjunction with the environmental assessment process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Because the planning of its consultations is at an advanced stage, COMEX will go ahead and hold the two consultations on the scheduled dates, i.e. June 11 in Oujé-Bougoumou and June 12 in Chibougamau.

The members were also informed that a Mistissini resident requested that the consultations be postponed to a later date. The local authorities were consulted on the dates and the dates were agreed upon with the band councils.

# **b.** Responses to questions

COMEX received the proponent's responses to its questions on May 7, 2013.

# 5. ROUTE 167 NORTH EXTENSION – STORNOWAY DIAMOND CORP.

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization

The review report was revised and finalized. It will be sent to the Administrator as soon as possible.

#### 6. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

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

A recommendation to restate condition 2.7 of the certificate of authorization in French will be sent to the Administrator. The new version would read as follows:

Pour abaisser les concentrations en cyanure dans la pulpe, le promoteur prévoit installer un système de traitement SO²/Air (INCO). Le promoteur devra s'assurer de respecter en tout temps les normes relatives au cyanure prévues à la Directive 019. Advenant un dépassement à l'effluent final, pour quelque raison que ce soit, le promoteur interrompra la cyanuration, le temps de corriger la situation. Le promoteur devra s'assurer de réaliser également un suivi sur les concentrations de cyanures dans la pulpe à la sortie du système de traitement des cyanures et dans le parc à résidus miniers. Ces informations seront incluses au programme de suivi annuel et devront être soumises à l'Administrateur, pour information.

# b. Site of the industrial wastewater discharge point

COMEX will send the Administrator a recommendation to move the discharge point in the Opinaca reservoir with the following two conditions:

- conductivity must be monitored in the pit on a monthly basis until such time as zero risk
  of buildup is established, after which monitoring must continue and annual monitoring
  reports must be sent to the Administrator as part of the comprehensive monitoring
  program;
- the diffuser openings must face south to reduce the likelihood that the effluent plume will drift into the pit.

# 7. BRIDGE, BORROW PIT AND ACCESS ROAD PROJECT IN MISTISSINI

a. Follow-up on the 7 conditions of the certificate of authorization

The Regional Administrator asked COMEX to verify whether the actions taken by the proponent meet certain conditions of the certificate of authorization. The proposed monitoring program is compliant. A letter will be sent to the Regional Administrator.

# 8. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT PROJECT

- a) Requests to amend the C.A.
- fish and spawning ground enhancements (conditions 5.3 and 5.31 5.6 5.18 and 5.25 5.24)

The SEBJ wants to make a change to the follow-up program. COMEX will recommend that the proposed methodological adjustments be approved.

- 2013 planning of access roads to traplines and Cree camps (condition 2.6).

Adoption of this recommendation was deferred to the conference call on May 30.

#### b) Information on reports

Deferred to the next meeting.

# c) Public consultations report

The report is being drafted and will be sent for translation into English before the next meeting so that parts of the report can be completed.

# 9. OTHER BUSINESS

The monitoring results for the Gonzague-Langlois Mine were sent to COMEX for information purposes. Questions and comments might be sent to the proponent once the document has finished being reviewed.

#### 10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, in Chibougamau.