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308th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, 2013

PLACE: Édifice Marie-Guyart
675, Boul. René-Lévesque Est
Salle 4B

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

GUESTS: Karine Dubé, MDDEFP (Friday afternoon)
Pascale Labbé, MDDEFP (Friday afternoon)

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.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 307th meeting**
- 3) Correspondence since the last meeting**
- 4) BlackRock mining project**
 - a) Public consultation held in Chibougamau**
 - b) Geochemical report**
- 5) Eleonore mining project**
 - a) Request for amendment in relation to residual materials management**
 - b) Request for approval of the monitoring program**
- 6) Bachelor Lake mining project**
 - a) Request for approval of the monitoring program**
 - b) Request for approval of the restoration plan for the mine site**
- 7) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project**
 - a) Information on reports**

- *Suivi de l'hydrologie, de l'hydraulique et du régime thermique en milieu continental – 2011* (2011 report on hydrology, hydraulics and the thermal regime on land), submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of the 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* (2012 report on the short-eared owl, great gray owl and Bonaparte's gull), submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, April 17, 2013

- *Rapport d'étude sur l'efficacité du déboisement par les agents naturels et suivi des débris ligneux. État de situation – Année 2011* (2011 status report on the effectiveness of deforestation using natural agents and wood debris monitoring), submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.

- *Suivi environnemental 2012 de l'utilisation des frayères naturelles d'esturgeon jaune dans la rivière Rupert* (2012 monitoring report on the use of natural lake sturgeon spawning grounds in Rupert River), submitted in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.

- *Bilan 2007-2012 des mesures concrètes mises en place pour la mise en valeur des vestiges découverts lors des recherches archéologiques* (2007-2012 results of tangible measures implemented to enhance the remains discovered during archaeological research), submitted in accordance with condition 6.35 of the C.A.

- *Suivi 2012 de la qualité de l'eau des rivières Rupert et Nemiscau et des apports en carbone organique total à la baie de Rupert* (2012 report on water quality in Rupert and Nemiscau rivers and total organic carbon in Rupert bay), submitted in accordance with condition 5.29 of the C.A.

b) Public consultations report

8) Whabouchi mining project

a) Application for a certificate of authorization

9) Route 167 North extension

a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization: material supply strategy for Segment A – sandpits D-22B and D-43

10) Other business

11) Date and place of the next meeting

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 307th MEETING

The minutes of the 307th meeting were adopted with changes.

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 consultation held in Chibougamau

The public is unanimously in favour of the project. The arrival of new families and workers in the Chibougamau area is seen as a positive impact. The project is expected to have economic spinoffs in the areas of Chapais, Chibougamau, Mistissini, Oujé-Bougoumou and Saguenay.

b. Geochemical report

The data provided by the proponent will be verified to ensure, in particular, that sampling is representative. The Committee might send the proponent a question in this regard.

5. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

a. Request for amendment in relation to residual materials management

Questions will be sent to the proponent to enable COMEX to continue the review process.

b. Request for approval of the monitoring program

The recommendation and attached conditions will be sent to the Administrator.

6. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT

a. Request for approval of the monitoring program

The review report was revised. COMEX will send its recommendation to the Administrator.

b. Request for approval of the restoration plan for the mine site

The review process is in progress.

7. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT PROJECT

a. Information on reports

Deferred to a future meeting.

b. Public consultations report

The members expressed their views on the different themes to be covered by Section 9 of the report (“Review of the Public Consultations: Proponent’s Responses and COMEX’s Opinion”): funding and support for Cree communities, measures to maintain and improve water quality and hydrological conditions, measures to improve the land and land access, measures to maintain and improve wildlife potential and hunting and fishing activities, safety and prevention measures, measures relating to social and health impacts, measures to foster economic spinoffs, communication and collaboration between the Crees, COMEX and the proponent and others.

8. WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT

a. Application for a certificate of authorization

The first set of questions will be submitted to the members soon.

9. ROUTE 167 NORTH EXTENSION

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization: material supply strategy for Segment A – sandpits D-22B and D-43

Sandpit D-43 is located in the future ATO national park. Sandpit D-22B is located inside the park boundaries, but was withdrawn from it. In the context of this request, COMEX agreed to take no further action in relation to Sandpit D-43 given that a decision must be decreed first. Operation of Sandpit D-22B may be authorized on the condition that it is at least 30 metres from a waterbody and subject to the conditions issued in the amended certificate of authorization dated August 13, 2012, for borrow pit D-22B, adjusting those conditions as necessary.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 24 and 25, in Montréal.

COMEX
Correspondence: June 10-July 3, 2013

Projects under review – Requests for authorization

- *Project to increase the capacity of the Eastmain drinking water treatment plant and feed it raw water from Beaver Creek, Phase 1*
 - COMEX sent its recommendation (French and English versions)
Attention: Isaac Voyageur, June 17, 2013 – Copy of the certificate of authorization, June 20, 2013
- *Forest roads – Caribou*
 - Copy of a letter from the Nord-du-Québec regional office of the MRN regarding the precautionary approach to woodland caribou recovery in the territory covered by Chapter 3 of the *Paix des Braves* – proposal to hold an information meeting
Sent by: Guy Hétu, July 2, 2013

Requests to amend the certificate of authorization

- *Route 167 North (MTQ)*
 - Copy of the request to amend the C.A. – Material supply strategy for Segment A (sandpits D-22B and D-43)
Sent by: Mireille Paul, June 18, 2013
- *Eleonore Mine*
 - Copy of the amended certificate of authorization in relation to the industrial wastewater discharge point
Sent by: Mireille Paul, June 11, 2013
 - Copy of the amended certificate of authorization for condition 2.7 of the C.A. regarding cyanide concentrations in tailings
Sent by: Mireille Paul, June 11, 2013
 - Copy of the addendum to the request to amend the C.A. in relation to residual materials management
Sent by: Mireille Paul, July 2, 2013
- *Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project*
 - Acknowledgement of receipt of the recommendation regarding Hydro-Québec's 2013 planning of access roads to traplines and Cree camps

Sent by: Lynda Roy, June 12, 2013