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(Adopted)

DATE: July 24 and 25, 2013

PLACE: Meeting room of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the
Environment office
383, rue Saint-Jacques, bureau 220

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

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:

- 1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the 308th meeting**
- 3) BlackRock Metals mining project**
 - a) Request for a certificate of authorization**
- 4) Bachelor Lake mining project**
 - a) Request for approval of the mine site remediation plan**
- 5) Whabouchi mining project**
 - a) Request for a certificate of authorization**
- 6) Langlois mining project**
 - a) Question about environmental follow-up**
- 7) Route 167 Nord extension**
 - a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization: supply of material for segment A – sandpits D-22B and D-43**
- 8) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project**
 - a) Information on reports:**

- *Suivi de l'hydrologie, de l'hydraulique et du régime thermique en milieu continental - 2011*, 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*, 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*, 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*, 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*, 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*, in accordance with condition 5.29 of the C.A.

b) Public consultation report

9) Other business

10) Date and place of the next meeting

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 308th MEETING

Deferred to the next meeting.

3. BLACKROCK METALS MINING PROJECT

a. Request for a certificate of authorization

The notes taken by the CRA during the federal government's public consultations will be sent to the COMEX members for information purposes.

The final recommendation will be based on the review report, which is in preparation.

4. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT

a. Request for approval of the mine site remediation plan

The members discussed the draft review document. The Cree members will submit their comments with a view to the document's adoption before the next meeting. Among other things, they'll ask to be involved in the remediation work and be allowed to salvage some of the equipment.

5. WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT

a. Request for a certificate of authorization

Following a review of the environmental impact statement, an initial series of questions and comments will be sent to the members for discussion in early August. COMEX should be able to send the questions to the Administrator in September.

6. LANGLOIS MINING PROJECT

a. Question about environmental follow-up

The annual report on the follow-up programs stipulated in the certificate of authorization was sent to COMEX for information purposes. The proponent was unable to carry out some of the follow-up activities in Wedley River because the safety of the technicians taking samples could

not be ensured. In COMEX's opinion, follow-up activities need to continue and the Committee will monitor the results in future annual reports.

7. ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION

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

A recommendation to authorize sandpit D-22B will be sent to the Administrator, specifying that COMEX will not make a recommendation regarding sandpit D-43 given that it is located on land set aside for a proposed protected area (reserve).

8. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT PROJECT

a. Information on reports:

- *Suivi de l'hydrologie, de l'hydraulique et du régime thermique en milieu continental - 2011*, in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.
- *Suivi du hibou des marais, de la chouette lapone et de la mouette de Bonaparte – 2012*, in accordance with condition 5.1 of the C.A.
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It was mentioned that some of these reports, which were sent to COMEX for information purposes, contain information that could be used for the public consultation report in preparation.

b. Public consultation report

A portion of the background text prepared by a Cree member will be incorporated into the report's introduction. The writing process is coming along and the members discussed how detailed the report should be.

The members were informed that Hydro-Québec will be submitting an updated annual report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No items were added.

10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 4 and 5, in Montréal.

Correspondence and follow-up action: 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 Héту, July 2, 2013

Requests to amend certificates of authorization

- *Route 167 Nord (MTQ)*
 - Copy of the request to amend the C.A. – Supply of material 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 for the industrial effluent 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 modify residual materials management
Sent by: Mireille Paul, July 2, 2013.
- *Eastmain I-A/Rupert project*
 - Acknowledgement of receipt of the recommendation regarding Hydro-Québec's 2013 planning of access roads to Cree traplines and camps
Sent by: Lynda Roy, June 12, 2013