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DATE: Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5, 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
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Brian Craik, CRA
Robert Lemieux, Québec

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:

- 1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the 308th and 309th meetings**
- 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) 1st series of questions and comments**
- 6) Eleonore mining project**
 - a) Request for an amendment: residual materials management**
- 7) Langlois Mine**
 - a) Questions about environmental follow-up**
- 8) Route 167 Nord Extension (MTQ)**
 - a) 2 requests to amend the certificate of authorization: Fen located at km 87+480 on the road and waste disposal areas 1 to 7, 9, 18 to 44 located in the bush**
- 9) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project**
 - a) Information on the report:**
 - *Suivi environnemental en phase exploitation 2012 : Dérive larvaire de l'esturgeon jaune dans la rivière Rupert (secteur à débit réduit)*, in accordance with conditions 5.18 and 5.25 of the C.A.
 - b) Public consultation report**
- 10) Other business**
- 11) Date and place of the next meeting**

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 308th AND 309th MEETINGS

The minutes of the 308th and 309th meetings were adopted with changes.

3. BLACKROCK METALS MINING PROJECT
a. Request for a certificate of authorization

Additional questions regarding mine tailings were sent to the Administrator on July 19, 2013. An acknowledgement of receipt was received on July 25 and a copy of the questions addressed to the proponent, on July 31.

4. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT

COMEX's recommendation to approve the follow-up program was sent to the Administrator on July 5, 2013. An acknowledgement of receipt was received from Lynda Roy on July 11.

a. Request for approval of the mine site remediation plan

The request is currently under study.

5. WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT

COMEX received the English version of the impact statement from Mireille Paul on July 9, 2013. More additional information (in English) was received on July 8 (French version received on August 27).

On August 27, COMEX also received the addendum to the hydrologic budget and effluent quality modeling.

a. 1st series of questions and comments

Draft questions and comments were sent to the members for their comments. Changes will be made where necessary.

6. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

COMEX's recommendation to approve the final mining effluent monitoring program was sent to the Administrator on July 4, 2013. An acknowledgement of receipt was received from Lynda Roy on July 11.

The annual environmental monitoring and follow-up report was received on July 24 for information purposes.

a. Request for an amendment: residual materials management

COMEX sent its additional questions regarding the requested change in residual materials management method to the Administrator on July 15, 2013. An acknowledgement of receipt was received on July 18 and a copy of the questions addressed to the proponent, on July 22.

7. LANGLOIS MINE

a. Questions about environmental follow-up

The previous follow-up report on fieldwork conducted in 2012 mentioned major difficulties with some of the sampling due to safety. It was agreed to notify the proponent if necessary based on the results for the next year of follow-up activities.

8. ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION (MTQ)

COMEX's recommendation regarding the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization (supply of material for segment A – sandpits D-22B and D-43) was sent to the Administrator, Clément d'Astous, on August 1, 2013. An acknowledgement of receipt was received on August 6 and a copy of the amended certificate of authorization, on August 9.

COMEX received, for information purposes, the environmental follow-up for borrow pits between km 0 and km 143 (less than 75 m from watercourses) and the biophysical characterization of granular deposits in segment A (km 0-82) – Deposit D-30, D-43, D-75, D78-80 (Cells A, B, C and E) and D-02, as well as segment B – Deposits D-89-92 (Cells A, B, C and D), D-110, D-119, D-120-123, D-136, D-139A, D-140, D-141A and D-139C.

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization: Waste disposal areas 1 to 7, 9, 18 to 44 located in the bush

COMEX had requested additional information on August 20, 2012. MTQ removed from its initial request sites that will not be needed before the completion of work, leaving sites 19 to 27, 29 to 33, 35 and 37 to 42. The request will be discussed during a conference call scheduled for September 9.

9. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT DIVERSION PROJECT

COMEX sent its recommendation regarding the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization relating to the planning of access roads to Cree traplines and camps for 2013 to the Administrator on June 7, 2013. The Committee received an acknowledgement of receipt on June

11. A copy of the amendment to the certificate of authorization relating to road decommissioning was received on August 16.

a. Information on the report:

- *Suivi environnemental en phase exploitation 2012 : Dérive larvaire de l'esturgeon jaune dans la rivière Rupert (secteur à débit réduit)*, in accordance with conditions 5.18 and 5.25 of the C.A.

Sent by: Mireille Paul, August 9, 2013

Item deferred.

b. Public consultation report

The members discussed Hydro-Québec's obligation to respect the authorization conditions throughout the construction and operation phases of the project. The members think that Hydro-Québec should also be held liable for any unforeseen impacts arising from the project.

The public consultation report is still in preparation.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

No items added.

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be determined.