

MINUTES OF THE
311th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Adopted)

DATE: October 8, 9 and 10, 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 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 310th 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) 1st series of questions and comments**
- 6) Eleonore mining project**
 - a) Request for an amendment: residual materials management**
- 7) Route 167 Nord Extension (MTQ)**
 - a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization: Construction in a riverbed at km 141+735**
- 8) Route 167 Nord Extension (Stornoway)**
 - a) Request to amend the certificate of authorization: Operation of borrow pits D-228 and D-229 less than 75 m from watercourses**
- 9) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project**
 - a) Request for approval: Master plan of restoration work in 2013, in accordance with conditions 2.7 and 2.8**
 - b) 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.
 - c) Public consultation report**
- 10) Other business**
- 11) Date and place of the next meeting**

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 310th MEETING

The minutes of the 310th meeting were adopted with changes.

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

COMEX received additional information on groundwater and surface water on September 12, 2013.

The project is still under review, in particular the geochemical report, and COMEX is waiting for an expert opinion before making a recommendation.

4. BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT
a. Request for approval of the mine site remediation plan

The members discussed the additional questions designed to obtain clarifications on certain elements of the remediation plan. The questions will be submitted to the members before being sent to the Provincial Administrator.

5. WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT
a. 1st series of questions and comments

Around 200 questions relating to the environmental impact statement were prepared and will be sent to the Provincial Administrator to obtain additional information on the project.

6. ELEONORE MINING PROJECT
a. Request for an amendment: residual materials management

No new developments.

7. ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION (MTQ)

COMEX wrote to the Provincial Administrator on September 16, 2013, recommending that he amend the certificate of authorization to allow waste disposal sites 19 to 27, 29 to 33, 35 and 37 to 42. Lynda Roy acknowledged receipt on September 18, and COMEX received a copy of the amendment to the certificate of authorization on October 2.

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization: Construction in a riverbed at km 141+735

COMEX requested additional information from MTQ in August 2012 and the latter responded on October 1, 2013. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION (STORNOWAY)

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization: Operation of borrow pits D-228 and D-229 less than 75 m from watercourses

COMEX received this request on September 12, 2013. It will recommend that the Administrator authorize operation of these borrow pits on the following conditions:

- The proponent must maintain a 30-metre buffer strip to protect waterways and a 20-metre buffer strip to protect wetlands.
- The proponent must ensure that material is extracted from the borrow pits above the groundwater level. Observation wells must be installed on sites to ensure that the water table is not touched and its integrity is protected.
- The proponent must salvage all vegetation removed during stripping of borrow pits so that it can be reused in site restoration. The borrow pits must be gradually restored at the end of operations and replanted with vegetation no later than two years after this request for amendment is approved.

9. EASTMAIN 1-A/RUPERT DIVERSION PROJECT

a. Request for approval: Master plan of restoration work in 2013, in accordance with conditions 2.7 and 2.8

COMEX received this request for authorization on May 13, 2013. The members will send the executive secretary their comments, and a decision will be made before the next meeting. Note that a decision has not been made yet regarding the maintenance of three access roads at KP 33, 49 and 85 and that this information should be mentioned in the master plan for restoration work in 2014.

b. 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

This follow-up report was submitted by Hydro-Québec.

c. Public consultation report

The public consultation report is still in preparation. The members are revising the whole report, especially Chapter 9, which contains COMEX's opinion on the project. The final report, which is approximately 150 pages long, will be approved at the Committee's next meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

On October 3, 2013, COMEX received, for information purposes, a CD containing the proceedings of all the meetings held by the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee in fiscal 2012-2013.

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 5, 6 and 7, in Québec City.