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**(Adopted)**

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 327TH MEETING**

The letter regarding the hydrology, hydraulics and thermal regime monitoring reports (*Suivi de l'hydrologie, de l'hydraulique et du régime thermique en milieu continental*) for the Eastmain 1A/Rupert project was not sent pending verification of information about gate opening. The letter will be sent as soon the information has been validated.

**Action: File the minutes of the 327th meeting**

**3) CORRESPONDENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION**

Correspondence received between March 6 and April 29, 2015 is presented in Appendix A.

After the notice of the meeting was sent, COMEX received (April 16, 2015) additional information on the Waskaganish First Nation's project to develop natural aggregate deposits.

On April 20, the Committee received the request to amend the certificate of authorization (CA) relating to the 2015 master plan of the work to restore areas disturbed by the Eastmain 1A/Rupert project, as well as the impact statement for the new solid waste disposal site in Waswanipi. The information on the latter project was updated on the COMEX website.

On April 21, COMEX received a request to modify the decommissioning and restoration program for sites affected by work at Lot A for the Route 167 North extension (MTQ), as well as the answers to COMEX's questions regarding the results of validation testing of the cyanide destruction system for the Bachelor Lake mining project.

A request to amend the certificate of authorization to build permanent camps for the Route 167 North extension was sent on April 23, 2015.

**4) WHABOUCHI MINING PROJECT**

- a) Writing of assessment report
  - *for recommendation*

WHEREAS a draft table of contents was submitted to the members;

WHEREAS the members do not think the report should deal with the political aspect of the project raised during the public hearings in Nemaska. The report will address only the social and environmental aspects of the project;

CONSEQUENTLY, the report is still being written.

**5) BACHELOR LAKE MINING PROJECT**

- a) Responses to questions and comments about the restoration plan
  - *for approval*

WHEREAS in February 2013, the proponent submitted an updated version of its restoration plan to satisfy Condition 15 of the CA issued on July 4, 2012, which stipulates that: [Translation] “The proponent must submit to the Administrator, for approval, its final redevelopment and restoration plan for the Bachelor Lake mill and associated installations.”;

WHEREAS three series of questions and comments were subsequently sent to the proponent and the proponent sent its responses;

CONSEQUENTLY, COMEX is still reviewing the proponent’s responses to its 12 questions (3rd series), received on March 10, 2015.

**6) Eastmain 1-A/Rupert project, Hydro-Québec**

- a. Request to amend the CA – 2015 master plan of the work to restore disturbed areas (conditions 2.7 and 2.8)
  - i. *for recommendation*

WHEREAS the restoration of disturbed sites constitutes one of the planned mitigation measures for this project and the sites concerned are primarily quarries and sandpits, access road rights-of-way, work camps and associated areas, service areas used by contractors, and storage and tailings areas. The total surface area disturbed upon completion of the work was estimated at around 1300 ha;

WHEREAS a total disturbed area of 41 ha was ready for revegetation in 2015, mostly in the Sarcelle, Eastmain, Opinaca airfield and Nemiscau sectors;

WHEREAS the revegetation and planting work will be similar to that authorized since 2008 and that this type of work has already proven its worth;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

*#2015-0430-01: to recommend amendment of the certificate of authorization relating to the 2015 master plan for restoration of disturbed sites.*

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator**

**7) PROJECT TO DEVELOP NATURAL AGGREGATE DEPOSITS, WASKAGANISH FIRST NATION**

- a. Responses to questions and comments
  - i. *for recommendation*

WHEREAS COMEX understands the challenges the Waskaganish Band Council faces in meeting short-term needs while securing a long-term supply of granular material, there appears to be no guarantee that the proponent will be the sole user of the site and that there is a chance the project will be modified over time;

WHEREAS COMEX recommends that the project be authorized on the following conditions:

***Condition 1***

The proponent must send the Administrator information on the planned upgrading of access roads, the location of watercourse crossings, and the delineation of extraction sites.

***Condition 2***

The proponent must acquire the necessary rights to operate quarries and sandpits or obtain authorization from the holder of operating leases, as the case may be.

***Condition 3***

For information purposes, the proponent must send five-year monitoring reports to the Administrator discussing the progress of operations and gradual redevelopment/restoration, any land use conflicts with tallymen located near the sites and the steps taken to resolve the conflicts.

***Condition 4***

For information purposes, the proponent must send the Administrator its planned mitigation and remedial measures before the work commences.

***Condition 5***

In addition to the Sander's Pond site, the proponent must send the Administrator, for information purposes, the results of visual inspections of all quarries and sandpits carried out by an archaeologist to determine whether archaeological surveys are needed. If so, the survey results must also be sent to the Administrator for information purposes.

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2015-0430-02: to recommend authorization of the Waskaganish Cree Nation's project to develop natural aggregate deposits on the aforementioned conditions.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator**

**8) OTHER BUSINESS**

No items were added.

**9) DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The members agreed to hold the next two meetings on June 4 and 18, 2015 in Montréal.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up action: March 6 to April 29, 2015**

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Eleonore mining project 3214-14-042	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Request to amend the CA: Salvaging of surface pillar	Received: April 16, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi 3214-16-068	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Impact statement	Received: April 20, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
Project to develop natural aggregate deposits in Waskaganish	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Responses to questions and comments about the CA application	Received: April 16, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
Whabouchi mining project 3214-14-052	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Additional information: - Addendum	Received: March 10, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
BlackRock Metals mining project 3214-14-050	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Request to amend the CA	Received: April 1, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Bachelor Lake mining project 3214-14-027	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Responses to questions and comments: updates to the restoration plan	Received: March 10, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Responses to COMEX's questions on the results of validation testing of the cyanide destruction system (March 2015)	Received: April 21, 2015		<i>- for authorization</i>
Route 167 North extension, MTQ 3214-05-077	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Request to amend the CA: Permanent camps	Received: April 23, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Request to amend the CA: decommissioning and restoration program for sites affected by work at Lot A – Rock cliff at km 64 and 70	Received: April 21, 2015		<i>- for recommendation</i>
Renard Diamond Project 3214-14-041	André Boisclair COMEX	Christyne Tremblay Provincial Admin.	17 questions and comments concerning the request to amend the CA: Dispersion modelling of atmospheric emissions and liquefied natural gas storage method	Sent: March 27, 2015	-Acknowledgement of receipt (April 14, 2015) - Copy of questions sent to the proponent (April 14, 2015)	<i>- waiting to receive proponent's responses</i>

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PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
	André Boisclair COMEX	Christyne Tremblay Provincial Admin.	9 questions and comments concerning the request to amend the CA: Compensation program for wetland losses	Sent: March 27, 2015	-Acknowledgement of receipt (April 14, 2015) - Copy of questions sent to the proponent (April 14, 2015)	- <i>waiting to receive proponent's responses</i>
Langlois mining project 3214-14-026	André Boisclair COMEX	Christyne Tremblay Provincial Admin.	Comment on social impact monitoring (Waswanipi) and the report <i>Suivi environnemental de l'eau de surface et des sédiments</i> (winter 2014)	Sent: April 9, 2015		- <i>for information</i>
Troilus mining project	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	2014 post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report	Received: April 1, 2015		- <i>for information</i>
COMEX's public participation procedure	Rodney Mark Chairperson HFTCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Comments on the draft version of COMEX's public participation procedure	Received: April 16, 2015		- <i>for information</i>
Eastmain-1-A/Rupert project 3214-10-017	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Request to amend the CA: 2015 master plan of work to restore disturbed areas	Received: April 20, 2015		- <i>for recommendation</i>



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	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Copy of 2 documents: a. Voluntary Anadromous Cisco Catch Registry – 2011 b. Voluntary Anadromous Cisco Catch Registry – 2012	Received: March 17, 2015		<i>- for information</i>
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	André Boisclair COMEX	Copy of 5 documents: c. Voluntary Lake Sturgeon Catch Registry (Waskaganish) – 2011 d. Voluntary Lake Sturgeon Catch Registry (Waskaganish) – 2012 e. Voluntary Lake Sturgeon Catch Registry (Nemaska) – 2010 f. Voluntary Lake Sturgeon Catch Registry (Nemaska) – 2011 g. Voluntary Lake Sturgeon Catch Registry (Nemaska) - 2012	Received: March 17, 2015		<i>- for information</i>