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DATE:	May 16, 2017
PLACE:	COMEX office 201 President Kennedy Ave. – Office PK-2840 Montréal (Québec) H2X 3Y7
PRESENT:	Suzann Méthot, Chairperson, Québec Daniel Berrouard, Québec Brian Craik, CNG Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted after adding the following paragraph:

Paul-John Murdoch announced that he had resigned from the board of directors of the Société de développement de la Baie-James to avoid potential conflicts of interest with COMEX reviews.

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 352ND MEETING

The minutes of the 352nd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 352nd meeting minutes

3) CORRESPONDENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

As this item was not dealt with at the previous meeting, correspondence and follow-up covers a two-month period.

4) EASTMAIN-1-A AND RUPERT DIVERSION PROJECT, HYDRO-QUÉBEC – Ref. No.: 3214-10-017

- a. Rupert River landscape monitoring – 2015 – Environmental monitoring during the operation phase – Final version, dated December 2016

WHEREAS on March 22, 2017, COMEX received, for information purposes, the report on monitoring of the Rupert River landscape in 2015 as required under Condition 6.37 of the CA, which reads: “Le promoteur devra déposer pour approbation par l’Administrateur son programme détaillé de suivi sur le paysage. Ce programme devra avoir une durée suffisamment longue pour évaluer les impacts quelques années après le début de l’exploitation du projet.” (The proponent shall submit to the Administrator for approval its detailed landscape follow-up program. This program shall be of sufficient length to evaluate the impacts a few years after the start of the project’s operation phase.);

WHEREAS landscape monitoring covers the planned activities identified in the detailed protocol submitted in December 2010;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Rupert River landscape follow-up program was to assess the impact of the reduced flow on the river landscape and evaluate Cree and visitor perceptions of the new landscape based on the assumption that “ Le projet altérera le caractère naturel du cours aval de la rivière Rupert. L’impact sera atténué par des mesures intégrées à la conception du projet, soit la construction de 8 ouvrages hydrauliques sur la rivière et la mise en place d’un régime de débits réservés. ” (The project will alter the natural beauty of the lower Rupert River. The impact there will be mitigated by measures incorporated into the project design, specifically construction of eight hydraulic structures on the river and implementation of an instream flow regime.);

WHEREAS COMEX learned the following from the 2015 report:

- The monitoring objectives were met in 2015.
- Monitoring showed that, based on the assumption set forth in the impact statement, the mitigation measures incorporated into the diversion project design, specifically the flow regime, the hydraulic structures and planting, are, generally speaking, effectively mitigating the landscape impacts of the river’s diversion.
- It would have been preferable and helpful for readers if the report had been more concise and more emphasis had been placed on the salient points.
- The attempt made in Section 3.8 “Bilan de l’analyse du paysage en 2015 et autres suivis sur la Rupert”(overview of landscape analysis and other monitoring of Rupert River in 2015) to tie the report in with other monitoring reports for the same project, particularly those on landscape functions, is interesting; however, unfortunately, linkages with landscape monitoring are hard to establish because the monitoring years, flow of the river and monitoring sites differ from one report to the next.
- The report indicates that riparian vegetation in flooded areas directly upstream of the structures has not adapted to the new hydraulic conditions or is not yet re-established. In addition, recurring high water levels upstream of the structures alter riverbank dynamics (vegetation and erosion). Even if they are within natural flow rates, these hydraulic conditions were not foreseen in the environmental impact statement and are liable to alter the biophysical environment between the structures and their target KP. As this concern had already been raised with the proponent, the latter submitted a monitoring report on riverbank and riparian habitat dynamics upstream of the hydraulic structures installed on Rupert River (*Suivi 2015 de la dynamique des rives et des habitats riverains en amont des ouvrages hydrauliques aménagés sur la rivière*

Rupert), which was not initially provided for in the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program.

- As a conclusion to the report, even though a number of Cree participants expressed feeling a sense of loss since the diversion and said that some places aren't as pretty as before, most said that they still enjoy the river. They're still attached to places they've been going to with their families forever and intend to continue using the river with their children and grandchildren. Some are disappointed that their children don't know what the river was like before being diverted, but plan to tell them stories about it and trust that young Crees will enjoy the river as it is now.
- In addition, the results of visitor surveys show markedly different views on the landscape depending on whether the respondent had seen the James Bay region and rapids prior to the river's diversion or not. First-time visitors had a positive perception of the scenery, although it was not as clear as in 2003. Respondents who had seen the landscape prior to the diversion still thought it was pretty, but much less so than before, especially the Gorge rapids.
- The change in landscape perception following the diversion seems to have been tempered by the weather and high water level/flow in 2015.
- Initially, the Cree members of COMEX were surprised at such a study and wondered how useful it would be, especially given that it doesn't take into account the Cree concept of cultural landscape: loss of land use and loss of scenery are two entirely different concepts. However, the COMEX members as a whole still consider that a study of this scale is a first in the territory and is helpful in fuelling discussion between the proponent and the people affected by the project. Plus, it no doubt raised questions that would not have been raised otherwise. In addition, questionnaire respondents had an obligation to remember, which led to beneficial discussions within communities that kept unwritten stories alive.

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0518-01: *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the proponent's landscape monitoring report and that the report satisfies Condition 6.37 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006. Based on what COMEX learned from the report, the members make the following recommendations:*

- *Ask the proponent to send the Provincial Administrator the report entitled “Suivi 2015 de la dynamique des rives et des habitats riverains en amont des ouvrages hydrauliques aménagés sur la rivière Rupert,” which was not planned under the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program, so that COMEX can determine any linkages with the landscape monitoring. In addition, as the phenomenon will continue evolving over time, it would be interesting to know whether this monitoring will be renewed and, if so, what the timeline will be.*

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator.

- b. Water quality monitoring in the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers: 2015 report, dated June 2016

WHEREAS on March 2, 2016, COMEX received, for information purposes, the 2015 report on water quality monitoring in the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers;

WHEREAS the report meets Condition 6.6 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006: “The proponent shall implement a follow-up program on the quality of the water of Rupert River by stressing those sectors where Native camps are concentrated in order to determine the evolution of the quality of the water according to the uses. This program shall be submitted to the Administrator for authorization not later than six months after the start of the works.”;

WHEREAS the purpose of the report was to monitor changes in colour, turbidity and suspended solids (SS) in the sectors of the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers where Cree camps are concentrated, as well as changes in turbidity and SS in the estuary of Grande Rivière during installation of granular blankets and following the Rupert’s diversion;

WHEREAS the monitoring objectives were met and monitoring was conducted as per the method described in the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program, with minor changes to the number of sampling stations;

WHEREAS COMEX learned the following from the report:

- Generally speaking, water quality has improved for the three variables assessed, namely, turbidity, true colour and SS, since the Rupert’s diversion.
- To date, the results confirm the predictions in the draft design studies that turbidity and true colour would increase in the lower Rupert River, true colour would decline in Nemiscau River, while there would be no changes in any of the parameters in the other study areas.

- From 2010 to 2015, all SS, turbidity and true colour values in the upstream reach of Rupert River as well as in Nemiscau River remained within the ranges for domestic uses of water by the Crees. A single exception was noted for a true colour value in the upstream reach of Rupert River in 2012.
- In the downstream reach of the Rupert, the value of the three variables increased post-diversion, although SS and turbidity values were lower in 2015 than in 2010 and 2012 despite a higher flow rate during sampling in 2015 than in 2010 and 2012. According to the proponent, two complementary assumptions might explain the gradual decline in all values from 2010 to 2015 and the sharp decrease in 2015 despite the higher flow rates during the 2015 sampling campaign:
 1. Higher flow rates during sampling in 2015 may have augmented dilution of the concentrations of the three water quality variables.
 2. It was acknowledged that the action of waves and surface runoff on exposed riverbanks could cause erosion in the initial years following the Rupert's diversion, leading to a higher sediment loading in the water. The ongoing natural and artificial revegetation of exposed banks along the Rupert would reduce erosion and the resulting sediment suspension, which would in turn help decrease SS and turbidity, because plant colonization of exposed banks along with the establishment of microflora and microfauna would improve surface runoff filtration compared to immediately after the diversion, when banks were exposed. In that case, 2015 would be more representative of the years ahead, as the river is evolving towards a new equilibrium.
- In 2015, seven SS values in the downstream reach of Rupert River exceeded the upper limit of the range for domestic uses of water by the Crees. Turbidity and true colour values remained within the acceptable range. However, the proponent stressed that users of the lower Rupert River, in particular the Gravel Pit site, rarely use the river water for domestic purposes, preferring to carry water from their home in Waskaganish.

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0518-02: *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the proponent's 2015 report on water quality monitoring in the Rupert and Nemiscau rivers and that it satisfies Condition 6.6 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006. According to the schedule indicated in the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program, the final sampling campaign will be conducted in 2017. As well as making sure that water quality remains within the parameters allowing for Cree use of the river water, COMEX believes, based on what it learned from the 2015 monitoring report, that the final year of monitoring (2017) will also confirm or refute the two assumptions put forward by the proponent to the effect*

that Rupert River's unusually high flow rate in 2015 augmented dilution and that the gradual decrease in the values of all three variables in the river's downstream reach from 2010 to 2015, along with the sharp decline in 2015, are due to revegetation of the riverbanks.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator

- c. Monitoring program for fish communities and population dynamics in the Rupert diversion bays – 2014 study report, dated July 2015, submitted along with the communication plan

WHEREAS on January 19, 2016, COMEX received, for information purposes, the report on fish communities and population dynamics monitoring in the Rupert diversion bays – 2014 study report, dated July 2015, submitted along with the communication plan;

WHEREAS the monitoring is a requirement of conditions 5.4 and 5.5 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006:

Condition 5.4: To establish a baseline, the proponent shall, not later than six months after the authorization of the project, submit to the Administrator for approval its program for monitoring the fish communities and the population dynamics in the Rupert diversion bays.

Condition 5.5: The proponent shall submit its plan for communicating the results of the sampling campaigns for the characterization of the fish communities and the population dynamics of the Rupert diversion bays, the aim of which is to keep the users of these bodies of water informed. This plan must be submitted to the Administrator for information purposes not later than six months after the authorization of the project.

The report also meets Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization dated July 28, 2008:

Condition 1: [Translation] The proponent shall submit its monitoring reports, in particular for ice cover and water quality monitoring, within a year following the field campaigns.

WHEREAS the purpose of the report was to describe changes in fish communities based on alterations of the aquatic environment in the Rupert diversion bays. More specifically, monitoring aimed to track fishing yields as well as specific population dynamic parameters of the main fish species;

WHEREAS the observed trends are consistent with the assumptions in the proponent's impact statement;

WHEREAS the results of current monitoring of lake trout are mixed as regards use of the diversion bays for spawning, while acknowledging that future results for this long-lived species should provide a better understanding of the situation;

WHEREAS, in COMEX's opinion, the study is an effective way to track changes in fish communities over time;

WHEREAS monitoring will continue until 2022, and beyond if deemed necessary based on results;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0518-03: *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the 2014 study report on monitoring of fish communities and population dynamics in the Rupert diversion bays ("Rapport d'étude 2014," dated July 2015), submitted along with the communication plan. COMEX finds that the report satisfies conditions 5.4 and 5.5 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006 as well as Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization issued on July 28, 2008, and that the observed trends are consistent with the assumptions in the proponent's impact statement. Furthermore, COMEX thinks that the study is an effective way to track changes in fish communities over time and that monitoring will continue until 2022, and beyond if deemed necessary based on results.*

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator.

- d. Monitoring of the integrity and utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River diversion bays – 2015 study report and monitoring results (2010-2015), dated December 2016

WHEREAS on April 5, 2017, COMEX received, for information purposes, the report on monitoring of the integrity and utilization of multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River diversion bays (*Rapport d'études 2015 et bilan du suivi (2010-2015)*), dated December 2016;

WHEREAS the monitoring is a requirement of Condition 5.6 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 24, 2006:

Condition 5.6: *The proponent shall submit to the Administrator for authorization its program to monitor the efficiency of spawning ground enhancements and the physical-chemical conditions of lakes RP062 and Des Champs.*

The report also meets condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization dated July 28, 2008:

Condition 1: [Translation] The proponent shall submit its monitoring reports, in particular for ice cover and water quality monitoring, within a year following the field campaigns.

WHEREAS the final account shows that the development of multispecies spawning grounds is an effective measure to compensate for the loss of fish habitat. The monitoring of four target species, namely, whitefish, lake sturgeon and suckers, as well as user observations and visual inspection of spawning grounds confirmed the physical integrity as well as the target species' utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed;

WHEREAS the integrity of lake trout spawning grounds is the subject of a specific monitoring program and there is a special protocol for monitoring the spawning grounds developed specifically for lake sturgeon;

WHEREAS both monitoring reports cover the final year of monitoring the integrity and utilization of multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River and its diversion bays under the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program and, in the opinion of the COMEX members, the proposed monitoring satisfies Condition 5.6 requiring a program to monitor the efficiency of spawning ground enhancements as well as Condition 5.24 of the same certificate of authorization. The proponent also satisfied Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization issued on July 28, 2008 as regards the time limit for submitting the monitoring report following the field campaign;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0518-04: *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members took note of the monitoring report on the integrity and utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River diversion bays – “Rapport d'études 2015 et bilan du suivi (2010-2015),” dated December 2016. Furthermore, the final account shows that, generally speaking, the development of multispecies spawning grounds is an effective measure to compensate for the loss of fish habitat. Lake trout is an exception, as this species is the subject of a separate monitoring program and a separate monitoring report. Monitoring of the four target species, namely, whitefish, lake sturgeon and suckers, as well as user observations and visual inspection of spawning grounds confirmed the physical integrity and the target species' utilization of the multispecies spawning grounds developed.*

Both monitoring reports cover the final year of monitoring the integrity and utilization of multispecies spawning grounds developed in the Rupert River and its diversion bays under the 2007-2023 environmental monitoring program and, in the opinion of the COMEX members, the proposed monitoring satisfies Condition 5.6 requiring a program to monitor the efficiency of spawning ground enhancements as well as Condition 5.24 of the same certificate of authorization. The proponent also satisfied Condition 1 of the amended certificate of authorization issued on July 28, 2008 as regards the time limit for submitting the monitoring report following the field campaign.

Action: Write to the Administrator

5) PROJECT TO MINE AND PROCESS 900 000 TONNES OF GOLD ORE FROM THE BACHELOR LAKE PROPERTY, METANOR RESOURCES INC. – MINING AND PROCESSING OF AN ADDITIONAL 600 000 TONNES OF ORE, REF. NO.: 3214-14-027

The COMEX members took stock of the follow-up of the conditions stipulated in the certificate of authorization and amendments thereto.

WHEREAS the 2016 annual report transmitted to COMEX on April 5, 2017 is currently being reviewed and a memo from the proponent in follow-up to the conditions of the amended CA issued on February 10, 2017 was transmitted to COMEX by the analyst the same day, the members will hold a conference call to discuss the matter if deemed necessary after reading the document;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members will read the memo from the proponent and, if necessary, hold a conference call to discuss the matter.

Action: Assess the need to hold a conference call before COMEX's next meeting.

**6) FOREST ACCESS ROADS "H, SECTION WEST" AND "I", MATÉRIAUX BLANCHET
REF. NO.: 3214-05-075**

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2017, COMEX received, by email, a copy of a letter from Alan Saganash to Marie-Renée Roy expressing his disapproval of the archeological potential report submitted as a requirement of this project and suggesting changes, in particular, consult a broader sample of individuals and translate the report so that it can be disseminated to the community. Mr. Saganash also clarified some points in the report to, according to him, set the facts straight;

WHEREAS it is not COMEX's responsibility to intervene in disputes between proponents and the public consulted, COMEX nevertheless emailed the Administrator on May 1 last and attached an addendum to Mr. Saganash's letter of April 26 following up on the project conditions. The Committee called on the Administrator to remind the proponent to pay special attention to the understandability of information aimed at the Cree communities affected by the project and encourage the proponent to make a habit of translating certain documents, particularly sensitive follow-up involving the community, or, at the very least, make summaries available in English and/or Cree to ensure informed participation by the population affected by the project;

WHEREAS COMEX is mindful of the communication problems between certain communities and proponents in setting up and ensuring operation of the monitoring committees required by the authorization conditions;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members will address the various communication issues between proponents and communities during sector-based meetings and future meetings with the communities.

Action: Make sure to include proponent/community communication issues in COMEX presentations.

7) FEEDBACK ON THE PRESENTATION ON COMEX EXPECTATIONS GIVEN TO THE QUÉBEC MINING ASSOCIATION'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BY SUZANN MÉTHOT AND ROBERT JOLY (ENC. POWERPOINT)

a) Account of the presentation given to the QMA

WHEREAS on March 23, 2017, Suzann Méthot and Robert Joly gave a presentation to the AMQ's Environment Committee on the environmental and social impact assessment procedure and what COMEX expects from proponents in regards to public participation;

WHEREAS the presentation was well received and offered a chance to provide proponents with information and clarifications, and also led to discussions on, in particular, the processing time for authorization applications;

WHEREAS COMEX considers that it conducts its reviews diligently, but that the entire procedure, from the issuance of directives to the certificate of authorization, would gain from being reviewed and improved where needed;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members will seize opportunities to give more presentations like this to stakeholder parties and will continue reflecting on the environmental and social impact assessment timeline as a whole.

b) Québec Mines 2017

WHEREAS the presentation given to the AMQ on March 23 is worth sharing with other audiences;

WHEREAS the Québec Mines 2017 conference would be an opportunity for COMEX to do just that, the organizers of the event have confirmed that COMEX will be giving a half-day session under the theme “Environmental impact and social assessments in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory: COMEX’s expectations of proponents”;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0517-05: *to put together a detailed program for the session to be given at Québec Mines 2017 and send it to the organizers as soon as it is ready.*

Action: Propose a detailed program for the session to be given by COMEX at Québec Mines 2017.

8) 2016-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN: ASSESSMENT AND FORECASTS FOR 2018

WHEREAS COMEX rendered an account of its 2016-2017 Action Plan adopted on October 26, 2016;

WHEREAS some of the actions will continue in the coming fiscal year and be renewed under the 2017-2018 action plan;

WHEREAS a new strategic plan is being developed for 2018 and will be accompanied by an action plan and it will have two central themes: “better integration of climate change” and “demystifying the environmental and social impact review procedure”;

WHEREAS the members believe that collaboration from the other assessment and review bodies, the MDDELCC and climate change experts is key to achieving the objectives of the 2017-2018 Action Plan;

WHEREAS, on May 9, the Chairperson initiated an exploratory meeting with Geneviève Moisan, assistant deputy minister for the fight against climate change, to discuss possible collaboration between COMEX and the MDDELCC climate change team with a view to ensuring better integration of climate change into project reviews and whereas the meeting was productive and Ms. Moisan will follow up on it after informing her team;

WHEREAS the COMEX Chairperson held discussions with the JBACE and COMEV chairpersons regarding possible collaboration to ensure better integration of climate change into environmental and social impact statements;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0517-06: *to adopt the report on the 2016-2017 Action Plan and finalize the new strategic plan for 2017-2018 so that it can be adopted soon while continuing the actions undertaken to date, including discussions with the JBACE, COMEV and the climate change branch of the MDDELCC.*

Action: Finalize the new strategic plan for 2017-2018 and determine the related actions

9) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Publication of all project-related documents:

- i. WHEREAS in the interest of transparency and fostering public participation in the review process, COMEX thinks that all documents related to projects subject to review must be publicly released, but that there are technical and legal issues involved;
- ii. WHEREAS the information posted on COMEX's website varies according to whether a project was submitted to public consultation or not, and all current files should be kept up to date and all related documents should be posted on the website;
- iii. WHEREAS COMEX could draw on the Cree Nation Government's practices in this regard;
- iv. WHEREAS it is not certain that the new register of environmental authorizations to be created pursuant to the new EQA will contain information on northern projects, although representations to that effect were made and COMEX will continue to make such representations to the Administrator;

CONSEQUENTLY, COMEX will make an extra effort to update its website for all of the current files and will check with the competent authorities regarding potential legal issues associated with systematically posting online every document related to projects subject to review.

- b. IAIA 2017
 - i. The Chairperson reported on her participation in IAIA 2017. It was a positive experience and gave rise to discussions on issues of common interest with Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants from around the world, as well as with a number of participants, including representatives of the Cree Nation Government, the JBACE, the Québec and federal governments, and the Ouranos consortium, with whom COMEX can share lessons learned from this year's conference, which was about considering climate change in environmental assessments.
- c. Meeting with analysts
 - i. COMEX still plans on organizing a meeting with all of the analysts to discuss the progress on files and possible collaboration between the Cree and MDDELCC teams to inform COMEX's reviews.

Action: Organize the meeting with all of the analysts.

- d. 2016-2017 annual report
 - i. A draft version of the annual report should be ready by COMEX's next meeting

Action: Finish writing the 2016-2017 annual report.

- e. Issues related to the non-participation of monitoring committees
 - i. Considering the problems setting up monitoring committees noted by COMEX and expressed by both proponents and community representatives, it was AGREED THAT COMEX would put this matter on the agenda of future meetings with communities and businesses.
- f. New legislation: Bill 132 respecting the conservation of wetlands and bodies of water – Overhaul of the EQA – Overhaul of the federal environmental assessment regime
 - i. WHEREAS COMEX is of the opinion that new legislation currently under review or recently proposed could affect or influence the review of northern projects subject to the procedure. That is: the new *Environment Quality Act*, Bill 132 respecting the conservation of wetlands and bodies of water, the overhaul of the federal environmental assessment regime, and the proposed sustainable forest management regulation;

- ii. WHEREAS in COMEX's view, the related aspects or provisions specific to the territory under the environmental and social protection regime established by the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement seem to have been overlooked, generally speaking;
- iii. WHEREAS in the spirit of collaboration and because it has to deal with the different laws and regulations, COMEX offered to collaborate, in particular on the work of the JBACE, whose mandate includes making recommendations to the responsible governments on new policies, and wrote to the JBACE to that effect on May 3, 2017;
- iv. WHEREAS the JBACE called the COMEX Chairperson on May 17, 2017 to outline the brief it submitted the same day to the parliamentary committee studying Bill 132 and explain that the short time frames allotted didn't allow the JBACE to accept COMEX offer to collaborate;
- v. WHEREAS COMEX received a copy of the JBACE's brief on Bill 132;

CONSEQUENTLY, COMEX decided to read the JBACE's brief on Bill 132 and request meetings with the JBACE as well as with the MDDELCC and MFFP to find out what impact these regulations will have on the review of northern projects.

- g. Kakabat Granular Material Deposit Project, Cree Nation of Wemindji: for recommendation
 - i. WHEREAS, on April 13, COMEX received a request from the Regional Administrator for recommendations on the Kakabat Granular Material Deposit Project and, according to the Cree members of COMEX, the Cree Nation Government has the necessary expertise to review the project;

CONSEQUENTLY, COMEX is still waiting to receive the Cree Nation Government team's report.

10) NEXT MEETINGS

- a. June 21-22-23, Nemaska
- b. July 19, Québec
- c. August 30, Montréal
- d. September: It was suggested that COMEX hold this meeting in the territory and that a visit to the Bachelor mine be organized. Date to be determined.