

Comité d'examen des répercussions sur l'environnement et le milieu social

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MINUTES OF THE

356th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE (COMEX)

(ADOPTED)

DATE: August 30, 2017

PLACE: Murdoch Archambault Avocats

407 McGill St., Suite 410 Montréal, QC H2Y 2G3

PRESENT: Suzann Méthot, Chairperson, Québec

Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG

John Paul Murdoch, CNG

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary, by phone

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following three matters:

- a. Language used on the COMEX website
- b. Forecast cost of stay in James Bay versus global budget
- c. Le Jamésien and The Nation

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 355TH MEETING

The minutes of the 355th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 355th meeting minutes

3) CORRESPONDENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

Correspondence and follow-up from July 20 to August 29, 2017 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Renard Diamond Project

Ref. No.: 3214-14-041

- a. Fish habitat compensation program
 - > For approval

WHEREAS on April 27, 2017, COMEX received, for approval, the fish habitat compensation program for the Renard Diamond Project;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis document, COMEX considers that additional information is needed to finish reviewing the file, particularly information on project-related developments. Three questions will be sent to the proponent;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-01: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the proponent's fish habitat compensation program and would like the proponent to answer the following questions:

- 1. For the purposes of development of a walleye spawning ground in Lake Mistassini, a temporary pier roughly 30 m x 10 m will be built in the access area for shoreline work. The proponent must explain the alternatives to building a temporary pier as well as the justification for the option selected, including the associated impacts (project schedule, disposal of excavated material, restoration of the temporary pier).
- 2. Unlike on the other two sites, construction of a diversion ditch on the Icon-Sullivan site will require building a land access. The proponent must describe the alignment and the work required to build the access route, as per condition 2.12.2 of the amended certificate of authorization dated October 7, 2014.
- 3. The proponent must report on the discussions held with users from the community and the liaison committee on the update of all the work associated with the updated fish habitat compensation plan, including the timeline for performing the work.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

5) Whabouchi Mining Project, Nemaska Lithium Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-12-052

- a. Request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 of the certificate of authorization and the final effluent discharge site
 - > For approval

WHEREAS on May 29, 2017, COMEX received, for information purposes, the request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 of the certificate of authorization (CA) and the final effluent discharge site and considering that COMEX had already sent questions related to the proposed new final effluent site on July 24, 2017;

WHEREAS the members went over the explanations provided by the proponent as well as the opinions given by the project manager at MDDELCC, COMEX is in favour of extending the deadlines for conditions 12, 14 and 17, but wishes to make recommendations regarding the deadlines to be fixed in the amended CA. COMEX also wishes to transmit questions and comments to the proponent that it deems useful for continuing the work on conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18.

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-01: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the request to modify conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 and the request that the following questions and comments be sent to the proponent:

Condition 12: Wetland loss compensation plan

COMEX recommends that the deadline fixed in condition 12 for submitting a wetland loss compensation plan be changed to six (6) months after the first release of final effluent, and has the following comments to make:

- QC-1. COMEX notes that, for the purposes of obtaining a certificate of authorization, the proponent undertook in 2014 to identify known wetlands in the region that are of special interest for development/enhancement purposes. COMEX expects the proponent to report, in writing, on the outcome of the steps taken to honour that undertaking. While COMEX understands how hard it is to find genuine compensation projects in the Nemaska area and is mindful of the full value of the proposed knowledge acquisition program, the members believe that this is crucial to a comprehensive reflection on compensation for lost wetlands.
- **QC-2.** COMEX also believes that another meeting with stakeholders, especially representatives of the community of Nemaska and the tallyman, is in order to discuss wetland compensation specific to the Whabouchi project.
- QC-3. COMEX expects the proponent to prepare minutes of every meeting held and to append the minutes to the compensation plan submitted to the Administrator. To that end, the proponent is encouraged to read the document on COMEX's expectations with regard to consultations conducted by proponents, which is available online at the following address: http://comexqc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Consultations-promoteurs Attentes-du-COMEX VF EN 1.pdf.

Condition 14: Fish habitat compensation plan

COMEX recommends that the deadline fixed in condition 14 for submitting a fish habitat compensation plan be changed to six (6) months after the first release of final effluent, and has the following comments to make:

QC-1. COMEX thinks that the community of Nemaska and the tallyman concerned should be involved as far upstream as possible in discussions regarding fish habitat compensation.

QC-2. COMEX expects the proponent to prepare minutes of every meeting held and to append the minutes to the compensation plan submitted to the Administrator. To that end, the proponent is encouraged to read the document on COMEX's expectations with regard to consultations conducted by proponents, which is available online at the following address: http://comexqc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Consultations-promoteurs Attentes-du-COMEX VF EN 1.pdf.

Condition 17: Management of residual materials

COMEX is satisfied with the explanations provided by the proponent regarding residual materials management during the construction phase and recommends modifying condition 17 to expressly include the residual materials management plan for the mining operations phase. The latter plan must be submitted to the Administrator no later than three (3) months before construction begins. The COMEX members applaud the initiative to create a synergy between the proponent and the community of Nemaska for residual materials management.

Condition 18: Emergency Measures Plan

The proponent asked that the deadline for submitting the emergency measures plan be changed to six (6) months before mine operations begin. This change is not necessary, however, as that is already the deadline fixed in Condition 18. That said, after reviewing the preliminary emergency measures planned, COMEX has the following questions and comments:

General comment

- QC-1. The final emergency measures plan submitted by the proponent must be complete, detailed and easy to use. To that end, the proponent is invited to draw on the guide to assessing major technological risks published by the MDDELCC (Guide: Analyse de risques d'accidents technologiques majeurs (2002)). The guide is available on the MDDELCC website:
 - http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/evaluations/documents/guide-risquetechno.pdf.
- QC-2. COMEX expects an emergency measures plan to be written or approved by someone with expertise in the area, such as an emergency management or civil protection expert, which is not the case with the plan submitted. That no doubt explains the deficiencies noted in the preliminary version reviewed by COMEX. The final emergency measures plan must be written or approved by an expert in the field.

Legislative framework

QC-3. The *Civil Protection Act* and the certificate of authorization issued by the Administrator must be added to the list in subsection 2.2 of the Emergency Measures Plan discussing the provincial legislative framework.

Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders

QC-4. The plan as submitted raises a number of questions, in particular with regard to the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders, but also in terms of emergency response planning. It is therefore important that the proponent provide a full description of the functions and duties (before, during and after an event or disaster) of each player and, especially, the emergency measures coordinator.

As a rule, the emergency measures coordinator is the person designated to notify the Sécurité civile regional coordinator to ensure a linkage with the various government partners where necessary. Conversely, the emergency measures coordinator is the person Sécurité civile contacts to obtain information.

QC-5. The role of the MDDELCC in Table 4.1 is incomplete. Just like the federal government, as mentioned in the line above, the MDDELCC must also be notified immediately in the event of an environmental emergency.

Emergency response procedures

Chapter 3 includes a list of possible emergency situations:

- Flooding of the pit
- Rock/landslide
- Blasting/explosion
- Forest fire
- Motor vehicle accident
- Petroleum product spill/fire
- Hazardous material spill

However, Chapter 8 sets forth only the procedures for fires, spills and evacuations.

- **QC-6.** Response procedures for pit floodings, rockslides, landslides, explosions, forest fires and motor vehicle accidents must be clearly and fully defined. The same as Sécurité civile, COMEX recommends that a specific response plan be developed for each of the main risks identified, including the terms of communication and a containment and/or evacuation procedure, as the case may be.
- **QC-7.** The emergency measures plan must cover breaks in impoundments or storage structures, mine water and tailings spills, technological risks as well as potential risks associated with the presence of wildlife.
- **QC-8.** As stipulated in condition 18 of the CA, the emergency measures plan must also cover potential closure of the Route du Nord.
- **QC-9.** The final emergency measures plan must provide details on coordination between the proponent and the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and the Centre régional de santé et de services sociaux de la Baie-James, in the event of a situation with a large number of casualties. The responsibility of each of those organizations during an evacuation should be clearly defined.

Directory of outside resources

QC-10. The directory should also include the contact information for the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government's emergency response coordinator and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Distribution list

In Chapter 9, it says that the list for external distribution would include:

- Nemaska Band Council
- Physician in charge
- Bodies having signed mutual assistance agreements
- **QC-11.** The distribution list must be modified to comply with condition 19 of the certificate of authorization by adding Ville de Chibougamau, CRSSS de la Baie-James, the Cree Board of Health and Social Services and the Direction régionale de la sécurité civile et de la sécurité incendie of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique for the Outaouais, Abitibi Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec administrative regions.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

6) Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor Lake property, Metanor Resources

REF. No.: 3214-14-027

- a. Environmental monitoring and follow-up report, 2016
- b. Responses to the conditions of amendment of the certificate of authorization dated February 10, 2017
- c. Progress report on the treatment plant for tailings pond water condition 11
 For information and approval of certain condition

WHEREAS COMEX received the 2016 environmental monitoring and follow-up report on June 15, 2017, and the progress report on the treatment plant for tailings pond water (condition 11) on June 28, 2017;

WHEREAS the members read the opinions of the project manager at MDDELCC and note that, overall, the stringent measures set forth in the AMENCA dated February 10, 2017 have had a positive effect on the proponent's monitoring, COMEX, after reading the documents provided by the proponent, would nevertheless like to make comments and recommendations;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-02: to write to the Provincial Administrator 1) to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents provided by the proponent and 2) to submit comments and recommendations for the proponent. COMEX will also mention that the following comments must be taken into account in the proponent's 2017 annual report and that the proponent must satisfy, with due diligence, the authorization conditions that have not been met or have been met only partially.

Condition 9 of CA of July 4, 2012

Conditions 11, 12 and 13 of AMENCA of February 10, 2017

The results of testing of the new treatment process following the ozone technology appear to be promising and, in COMEX's opinion, the changes in methodology proposed by the proponent in its progress report should enable it to satisfy the requirements of condition 11.

However, COMEX would remind the proponent that the size of the treatment unit must be such that the requirements of conditions 12 and 13 of the MODCA dated February 10, 2017 are met.

Condition 10 of CA of July 4, 2012

The EDOs for mine effluent from the Bachelor property were stipulated in February 2012. The available follow-up data for purposes of comparison with each EDO cover the period 2012-2016 or 2013-2016, depending on the parameter.

Based on the data contained in the 2016 annual report, the EDOs for the following 11 parameters no longer need to be monitored because they have been met and monitoring is not required under Directive 019: barium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, phenolic compounds, thiocyanates, chlorines, hydrogen sulfides.

That said, COMEX would remind the proponent that, should new deposits be mined or processed on the Bachelor property, a new assessment will be required in order to determine the EDO parameters to be monitored.

Condition 1 of AMENCA of February 10, 2017

This condition requires the proponent to perform kinetic analyses. This condition cannot be met through *in situ* tests, as proposed in the proponent's 2016 annual report. Kinetic analyses have the advantage of accelerating geochemical processes and predicting the behaviour of mine tailings, thereby helping to develop an optimal disposal and remediation plan designed to limit the oxidation reaction that causes acid mine drainage. Acid mine drainage can occur several years after the disposal of mine tailings or even after a mine has been closed.

The COMEX members also pointed out that in "Addendum n°2" submitted in response to the letter "Suivi de la demande de modification du certificat d'autorisation" dated November 23, 2016, the proponent undertook to initiate steps with the Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) to more clearly define the environmental risks related to tailings from the Bachelor mine site, as well as with UQAT's Unité de recherche et de service en technologie minéral (URSTM) to test tailings from the Bachelor mine site for remaining sulfur for oxidation.

Therefore, to comply with condition 1 of the AMENCA dated February 10, 2017, the proponent must perform kinetic analyses as prescribed and report on the steps taken with UQAT and the URSTM and the outcome thereof.

Condition 4 of the AMENCA of February 10, 2017

After transmitting, in the 2016 annual report, the report on the geotechnical inspection conducted in 2016 to comply with condition 4, the proponent must confirm in writing whether the recommendations made by the consultant in the geotechnical inspection report have been implemented and, where applicable, explain why recommendations have not been implemented yet.

Condition 7 of the AMENCA of February 10, 2017

The proponent submitted the plans of diversion ditches for carrying clean water away from the tailings pond drainage basin to prevent dilution of mine water. Even though the certificate of authorization was issued under section 22 of the EQA, the proponent has not yet confirmed whether the ditches have been built or not. In order to satisfy condition 7, the proponent must submit the timeline for the work, for approval, and inform the Administrator once construction of the ditches has been completed.

Condition 8 of the AMENCA of February 10, 2017

The ways and means of water quality monitoring in the settling basin, as described by the proponent in the technical note dated May 15, 2017, will be adequate.

The COMEX members recommend that the water quality monitoring program for the settling basin be approved. The members expect to receive the related monitoring report, which is to be submitted in summer 2018.

Condition 9 of the AMENCA of February 10, 2017

The proponent confirmed the installation of a pH metre at the outlet of the settling basin and undertakes to install three flow meters: one at the ozonizer inlet, one at the tailings pond outlet and one at the cooling system outlet.

Under the circumstances, the proponent must inform the Administrator once the three flow meters have been installed so as to completely satisfy condition 9 within a reasonable amount of time.

Condition 14 of the AMENCA of February 10, 2017

The proponent proposes to add a sampling point near the discharge point (250 m) to the monitoring program for receiving water quality.

The proposed location of the sampling point satisfies condition 14.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

7) Troilus Mining Project, First Quantum Minerals Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-025

- a. Response to the request for additional information
 - > For information

WHEREAS on August 9, 2017, COMEX received, for information purposes, the response to its request for the results of kinetic testing on airborne particles referred to in subsection 6.2 of the 2015 annual report;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the proponent's request;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-03: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the proponent's request to wait for transmission of Phase III, but that COMEX nevertheless wishes to immediately receive the results of kinetic testing on airborne particles referred to in subsection 6.2 of the 2015 annual report.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

8) Eastmain-1-A and Rupert Diversion Project

REF. No.: 3214-10-017

- a. Monitoring of integrity and use of natural spawning grounds developed for lake trout 2015 study report
 - > For information

WHEREAS on June 28, 2017, COMEX received, for information purposes, the 2015 report on monitoring of the integrity and use of natural spawning grounds developed for lake trout;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis document and consider that, to date, the data gathered for the 2014 and 2015 study reports meet the objectives of this particular monitoring program, COMEX has only one comment to make to the proponent;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-04: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2015 report on monitoring of the integrity and use of the natural spawning grounds developed for lake trout and wish to make the following comment:

COMEX recommends that the monitoring report for 2017 be submitted to the Administrator no later than January 2020 or, at the very least, a few months before the development of the detailed monitoring protocol for 2020, so that the Administrator can make adjustments where necessary.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

b. Beaver monitoring in 2014

> For information

WHEREAS on July 11, 2016, COMEX received the report on beaver monitoring in 2014 for information purposes;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis document and are satisfied on the whole, COMEX has no comments to make;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-05: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the report on beaver monitoring in 2014 and have no comments. In addition, the members applied the amount of effort put into the beaver survey.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

c. Moose monitoring in 2014

➤ For information

WHEREAS on July 11, 2016, COMEX received the report on moose monitoring in 2014 for information purposes;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis document and are satisfied on the whole, COMEX has no comments to make.

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-06: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the report on moose monitoring in 2014 and have no comments.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

- d. Waterfowl monitoring in 2014
 - ➤ Nesting pair and clutch survey
 - ➤ Canada goose survey
 - Use of wildlife enhancements by waterfowl
 - For information

WHEREAS on June 29, 2016, COMEX received, for information purposes, the 2014 waterfowl monitoring report covering the nesting pair and clutch survey, the Canada goose survey and the use of wildlife enhancements by waterfowl;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis documents, COMEX would like to submit comments to the proponent;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-07: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2014 waterfowl monitoring report covering the nesting pair and clutch survey, the Canada goose survey and the use of wildlife enhancements by waterfowl and wish to submit the following comments:

- 1) After reviewing the survey of nesting pairs and clutches, COMEX notes that although this monitoring does not address a conservation issue, it is nevertheless highly interesting for its contribution to understanding how waterfowl populations respond to environmental changes. In that regard, COMEX would like to submit the following comments to the proponent:
 - a. COMEX expects to receive the results of the survey to be conducted in 2021.
 - b. COMEX wishes to obtain the results of the survey on Cree collaboration in waterfowl monitoring in 2014 Nesting couple and clutch survey.
- 2) After reviewing the Canada goose survey, COMEX would like to submit the following comments to the proponent:
 - a. COMEX expects to receive the results of the survey to be conducted in 2021.
 - b. COMEX wishes to obtain the results of the survey on Cree collaboration in waterfowl monitoring in 2014 Canada goose survey.
- 3) After reviewing the results of the study on the use of wildlife enhancements by waterfowl, which are included in the report on the Canada goose survey, COMEX would like to submit the following comments to the proponent with a view to enhancing the two future monitoring reports and the last survey report:

- a. To better understand and clearly present the results, the 2017 and 2021 reports on wildlife enhancement surveys must be submitted in due form. Accordingly, the reports must include:
 - i. A year-over-year comparison of results
 - ii. Data on the utilization of enhancements in the fall (during hunting period)
 - iii. Baseline values derived from a literature review for the purpose of establishing a link between the degree of use and the number of goose droppings present
- b. The monitoring program mentions that an aerial survey is planned in May 2017. COMEX would like to receive the survey results
- c. The proponent mentions that transects were cleared between May 7 and 9, whereas Cree informants report that Canada geese arrive in the territory in late April. To ensure optimal results in the 2021 survey, it is important that the proponent clear the transects before the geese come back in the spring.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

- e. Raptor monitoring in 2015
 - > For information

WHEREAS on August 24, 2016, COMEX received the report on raptor monitoring in 2015 for information purposes;

WHEREAS the members reviewed the MDDELCC's in-house analysis documents, COMEX would like to submit comments to the proponent;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

#2017-0830-08: to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the 2015 report on raptor monitoring and wish to submit the following comments:

- In its final report on raptor monitoring, the proponent must clearly reassess the advisability of installing nesting rafts for osprey based on the results obtained to date. The proponent must also validate the assumption that supports for the bald eagle may not be sufficient in the Rupert diversion bays. In such case, the proponent must explain the techniques it plans to use to improve the species' habitat (rafts or other techniques).
- The proponent must indicate whether or not it sends all of its bald eagle and peregrine falcon sightings/observations to the CDPNQ. If not, it should do so as soon as possible.

- The two eagle nests mentioned in the report are located in accessible sites, that is, near the community of Waskaganish and near the Rupert dam. Are there any sources of anthropogenic disturbance liable to affect the nesting and feeding areas associated with these nests. If so, awareness-raising or other mitigation measures aimed at land users must be put in place. These measures, along with their impacts, must be described in the next survey report.
- ➤ Given that the peregrine falcon has a designated status in Québec and Canada and that knowledge acquisition is prescribed as part of conservation measures for species with a designated status, the proponent must give special attention to this species in its 2021 survey to determine if it nests in the study area.

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

- f. Lake sturgeon larvae drift in Rupert River (reduced-flow section) 2010-2014 monitoring report
- g. Monitoring of spawning by walleye, suckers and lake whitefish in the spawning grounds at KP 216 and 281 in Rupert River 2014 and 2010-2014 monitoring reports
 - > For information

The COMEX reviewed the two monitoring reports; however, for a better appreciation taking into account all of the development stages of wild species, the members will study the reports after they have received the MDDELCC's in-house analysis for monitoring the effectiveness of the instream flow for spawning habitat in Rupert River – juveniles of target species.

WHEREAS the COMEX members consider that monitoring and follow-up of the EM1A/Rupert Diversion Project are at a turning point, it was suggested that the members attend the conference that Niskamoon and Hydro-Québec are thinking of organizing in the fall on the overall monitoring/follow-up process with Hydro-Québec and the Crees.

Action: John-Paul Murdoch will follow up on the proposal with COMEX

9) Rose Lithium–Tantalum Project, Critical Elements Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-14-053

a. Environmental impact study

> For discussion

WHEREAS the proponent informed the COMEX members of possible changes in the ROSE project and that the related documents would be submitted very soon, it was decided to wait until the documents have been received before posting project-related information on the COMEX website, including the impact study received on August 9, 2017 via a web link provided by the proponent. It was also decided to inform the proponent to officially notify the Administrator of such and to use the article to be published in the October issues of *Le Jamésien* and *The Nation* to invite the public to visit our website.

Action: Robert Joly will follow-up on the matter directly with the proponent

10) OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 2017-2018 Action Plan: Incorporating climate change into COMEV's directives for the Windfall project and working meeting with the MDDELCC, Ouranos and COMEV – for discussion
 - The Chairperson will contact the participants to see if they are available for a working meeting on incorporating climate change issues into COMEX reviews. Date and place: October 11 or 12, in Montréal.
- b. Meetings in James Bay: reminder of Linda Corston's availability
 - John-Paul Murdoch will follow up on the matter with Ms. Corston.
- c. Language used on the COMEX website
 - Further to a motion from Brian Craik, and considering the recent changes in governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory, Mr. Craik and Mr. Robert Joly will update the "Territory and Jurisdiction" paragraph of the COMEX website.
- d. Forecast cost of stay in James Bay versus global budget: COMEX priorities
 - ➤ The Chairperson brought the members up to speed on recent discussions with the Administrator and the head of the Direction de l'évaluation environnementale, Yves Rochon, regarding COMEX's global budget. The COMEX members think that greater transparency and greater Cree participation in the governance of the territory lead to increased presence on the ground, as set out in the Review Committee's last two action plans. To that end, COMEX must receive the necessary funding and the matter will be discussed between the Chairperson and Mr. Rochon.

11) NEXT MEETINGS

- a. September 27-28: Mistissini / Stornoway
- b. October 19, Montréal: Depending on the number of matters to be dealt with, this meeting may be cancelled considering how close together the dates are
- c. November 8, Montréal

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Project	From	То	Document	Date	Action - Comments		
Eastmain-1-A/Rupert diversion, Hydro-Québec 3214-10-017	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Steve Shooner Hydro-Québec	Request for documents	Sent: August 16, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 17, 2017			
Whabouchi Mining Project, Nemaska Lithium Inc. 3214-14-052	Mireille Paul MDDELCC (Alexandra Roio)	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium	Conditions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the CA and condition 2 of the amended CA dated July 27, 2016	Sent: July 19, 2017 Received by COMEX: July 20, 2017			
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Conditions 12, 14, 17 and 18 of the CA and final effluent discharge site	Sent: July 24, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 24, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC (Maud Ablain)	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium	Questions and comments concerning change in final effluent discharge site	Sent: August 1, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 3, 2017			
Renard Diamond Project 3214-14-041	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Request to amend the CA, Modified processed kimberlite containment area	Sent: July 24, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 24, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc.	Amended CA	Sent: August 8, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 8, 2017			
Eleonore mine in James Bay, Opinaca Mines Ltd. 3214-14-042	Mireille Paul MDDELCC (Alexandra Roio)	Martin Duclos Opinaca Mines Ltd.	Amendment to comprehensive CA Enlargement of waste rock dump (Phase V)	Sent: July 27, 2017 Received by COMEX: July 27, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Annual environmental monitoring and follow-up report	Sent: August 8, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 8, 2017	For information		

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Troilus Mine, First Quantum Minerals Ltd. 3214-14-025	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Reply to the request for additional information	Sent: August 9, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 9, 2017	For information		
Planned forest roads "H- Section west" and "I", Matériaux Blanchet 3214-05-075	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Follow-up of conditions 4 and 9	Sent: July 31, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: August 1, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Roch Plusquellec Matériaux Blanchet inc.	Follow-up of condition 4	Sent: August 21, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 21, 2017			
Rose Lithium – Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements 3214-14-053	Vanessa Millette WSP Canada	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Environmental impact study	Sent: July 27, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Environmental impact study	Sent: August 8, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 9, 2017	For recommendation		
Extension of Route 167 Nord, MTQ 3214-05-077	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Summary of the 29 conditions of the original certificate of authorization	Sent: August 9, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 9, 2017	For information		
Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor Lake property, Metanor Resources Inc. 3214-14-027	Pascal Hamelin Metanor Resources Inc.	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Report addressing conditions 10 and 20 of the CA to mine and process 600 000 tonnes of ore	Sent: July 18, 2017			
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Report addressing conditions 10 and 20 of the CA to mine and process 600 000 tonnes of ore	Sent: August 14, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 14, 2017	For information		

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JBACE	Melissa Saganash JBACE	Catherine McKenna David Heurtel Carolyn Bennett Abel Bosum	Follow-up on recommendations for the review of schedules 1 and 2 of Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement	Sent: August 14, 2017 Received by COMEX: August 22, 2017	
Annual Report 2016-2017	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC Isaac Voyageur Regional Admin.	Annual Report 2016-2017	Sent: July 25, 2017 PB: Acknowledgement of receipt on July 25, 2017	
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Annual Report 2016-2017	Sent: July 25, 2017	
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Annual Report 2016-2017	Sent: July 25, 2017	
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