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DATE:	October 23, 2017
PLACE:	Mistissini, James Bay
PRESENT:	Suzann Méthot, Chairperson, Québec Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG John Paul Murdoch, CNG Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following subjects to “Other business”:

- 2017-2018 Action Plan: Update
- COMEX’s new office
- Meeting with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay
- Land census
- Feedback on the visit with the Mistissini Band Council

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 357th meeting

The minutes of the 357th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 357th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from September 28 to October 13, 2017 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Renard Diamond Project

REF. No.: 3214-14-041

- a. Environmental and social monitoring program
 - For discussion

There’s been some delay in this file because the MDDELCC analyst has been away on sick leave. A full analysis of the environmental and social monitoring program will be presented at COMEX’s next meeting.

5) Other business

a. Integration of climate change: work plan

Ouranos, COMEX and COMEV met on October 12, 2017 to begin working together on ways to better integrate climate change into COMEX reviews. As yet, no tool fully meets COMEX’s needs, but one could be developed with existing elements and be tested during a new review process. Suzann Méthot will draft a work plan and send it to the members. This item will also be part of the follow-up for the 2017-2018 Action Plan.

b. Short course during the Québec-Mines conference: coordination of the presentation

The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to Vanessa Chalifour for the page set-up. The presentation will then be sent to all the members for review. If needed, a conference call will be held to finalize the details of the presentation.

c. Public nature of monitoring reports related to the project review process

This item is in follow-up to the letter sent to Mireille Paul on September 22, 2017 concerning the public nature of monitoring reports related to COMEX reviews. Until the current legislation is amended, documents cannot be made public without the proponents' permission. Mireille Paul is still waiting on a legal opinion on the matter.

d. Bill 132 respecting the conservation of wetlands and bodies of water: follow-up on the draft regulation

Suzann Méthot communicated COMEX's concerns about how Bill 132 will affect its project reviews to Jean-Pierre Laniel at the MDDELCC.

e. Directive 019

Robert Joly is currently drafting COMEX's comments on Directive 019 and how it will affect COMEX's project reviews. The comments will be shared with the JBACE and, ultimately, the MDDELCC, which plans to turn the directive into a regulation.

f. Mine Principale: condition 1 concerning the submission of annual reports by the proponent

COMEX is still waiting to receive the annual report for this project. The project was initially subject to impact assessment and review owing to concerns about economic spinoffs at the local level. A reminder could be sent to the Administrator so that COMEX can update the file.

g. 2017-2018 Action Plan: update

Suzann Méthot updated the follow-up for the 2017-2018 Action Plan and will send it to Vanessa Chalifour.

h. COMEX's new office

Suzann Méthot informed the members that COMEX's new office should be in the Tour de la Bourse in Montréal and that the Review Committee will likely be moving in November.

i. Meeting with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CBHSSJB)

Suzann Méthot met with the CBHSSJB's Environment team and they're interested in working with COMEX by contributing more effectively to the review of the human health effects of projects submitted to the review process. The CBHSSJB would also be interested in sharing its observations with COMEX so that the directives it issues to proponents ensure that the CBHSSJB's concerns are addressed in the impact statement required of the project proponent. This new means of collaboration with the CBHSSJB could begin with the next project review.

j. Land census

Robert Joly attended a presentation on land census given by the Institut de la Statistique du Québec. The principle of a land census is to measure the impact of climate change within Québec by comparing the state of a given area of land at two different census periods. The principle was applied using ecoforest maps of Québec as well as photo interpretation. The land census should be available to the public online within the next few months.

k. Feedback on the visit with the Mistissini Band Council

A meeting between COMEX and the Mistissini Band Council was held on October 23, 2017. The parties had a chance to discuss their respective roles and concerns. In particular, they discussed Stornoway's Renard project and the challenges it poses, as well as the monitoring of projects subject to review in general.

6) Next meetings

- a.** December 8, 2017, Montréal
- b.** February 2, 2018, Montréal
- c.** March 1, 2018, Montréal

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: September 28 to October 13, 2017					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Eastmain-1-A/Rupert diversion, Hydro-Québec 3214-10-017	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Steve Shooner Hydro-Québec	Waterfowl monitoring, 2014	Sent: September 26, 2017 Received by COMEX: September 28, 2017	
Eastmain-1-A/Rupert diversion, Hydro-Québec 3214-10-017	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	4 monitoring reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Larvae drift - Walleye, sucker, whitefish spawning - Juveniles - Sturgeon spawning grounds 	Sent: September 29, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: October 2, 2017	
Project to mine and process an additional 600 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor Lake property, Metanor Resources Inc.	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Conditions 10 and 20	Sent: October 4, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: October 5, 2017	