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<b>DATE:</b>	September 10, 2018
<b>PLACE:</b>	Nemaska, James Bay
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Suzann Méthot, Chairperson, Québec Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG (by telephone)  Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary
<b>ABSENT:</b>	John Paul Murdoch, CNG

**1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 365<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 365<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 365<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up action**

Correspondence and follow-up action from July 26 to September 9, 2018 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Renard Diamond Project**

**REF. No.: 3214-14-041**

- a. Fish habitat compensation program – Responses to COMEX's questions and comments
  - For recommendation

In follow-up to its June 14, 2018 letter in which COMEX informed the Administrator that it was waiting to hear the outcome of the meetings between the proponent and the community held during the summer, a further analysis will be sent to the COMEX members for discussion at their next working meeting.

**5) Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore at the Bachelor Lake mine site, Metanor Resources Ltd.**

**REF. No.: 3214-14-027**

- a. Environmental monitoring report, 2017
  - For information

WHEREAS on April 25, 2018, COMEX received, for information purposes, the 2017 environmental monitoring report for Metanor Resources' project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore at the Bachelor Lake mine site;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent;

WHEREAS the COMEX members noted failures to comply with the conditions of authorization and that some of the follow-up requirements were not met, the members wish to make comments and recommendations;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

**#2018-0910-01:** *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and wish to make comments and recommendations to the proponent (detailed in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

**6) Project to connect the Rose Lithium – Tantalum Mine and relocate a segment of the 315-kV line**

**REF. No.: 3214-09-028**

- a.** Environmental and social impact statement
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on June 1, 2018, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact statement for Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie's project to connect the Rose Lithium – Tantalum Mine and relocate a segment of the 315-kV line.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like to obtain additional information on various aspects of the project that they feel need to be clarified, COMEX will make its recommendation once it has received the necessary information and has finished reviewing the project;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

**#2018-0910-02:** *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and have a number of questions and comments they would like the proponent to address (detailed in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

**7) Project to increase untreated peels storage capacity for the Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant**

**REF. No.: 3214-10-012**

- a. Update to the request to amend the certificate of authorization
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on July 20, 2018, COMEX received, for its recommendation, an update to the request to amend the certificate of authorization for the project to increase the untreated peels storage capacity for the Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and find that the proponent did not address their questions and comments, which MDDELCC transmitted to the proponent on May 24, 2018, in a satisfactory manner. Additional information is needed in order to finish reviewing the project;

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

**#2018-0910-03:** *to write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and have a number of questions and comments they would like the proponent to address (detailed in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

**8) Project to operate the Langlois Mine**

**REF. No.: 3214-14-026**

- a. Preliminary information
  - For information

WHEREAS on July 25, 2018, COMEX received, for information purposes, the preliminary information concerning the project to operate the Langlois mine. The proponent intends to develop a satellite deposit of the existing mine and invited the members to submit comments. The project requires that the proponent apply to MDDELCC to amend the certificate of authorization;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and, although the review procedure first requires that a request to amend the certificate of authorization be made to the Administrator, the members wish to submit comments concerning the requested amendment and their expectations in relation to:

- the relevance of a consolidated, detailed and complete update along with studies based on the best available knowledge and methods so as to enable a diligent review and, ultimately, a decision by the Provincial Administrator;

- COMEX's expectations in respect of public consultations by proponents:  
<https://comexqc.ca/en/participation-publique/consultations-par-le-promoteur/>

CONSEQUENTLY, the COMEX members decided:

**#2018-0910-04:** *to write to the proponent (cc Provincial Administrator) to inform it that the COMEX members reviewed the document it submitted and wish to make some comments regarding the requested amendment.*

**Action: Write to the proponent and copy the letter to the Provincial Administrator**

## **9) Other business**

### **a. COMEX website and public/confidential nature of certain information the Committee receives**

As agreed at COMEX's 365th meeting, a text concerning the policy or framework for handling information of a public/confidential nature was drafted and adopted. The text will be translated into English and posted on the Committee's website. In addition to this text, minor changes will be made to the "Procedures" section.

### **b. Project to develop an iron-vanadium deposit, BlackRock Metals Inc.**

COMEX should be receiving the consolidated impact study for the project sometime this week. The content of the document will be instrumental in planning consultations on the project.

### **c. Québec Mines workshop**

The Chairperson told the COMEX members about a short course she put together for the 2018 Québec Mines+Énergie congress. Entitled "How do we respond to the new demands imposed by climate change?", the course will be an opportunity to explain to the mining community the new initiatives undertaken by COMEX to integrate climate change considerations into its project review process. Suzann Méthot will be joined by Alexandra Roio (MDDELCC), Bruno Bussi res (UQAT), Michel Julien (Agnico Eagle Mines) and Philippe Roy (Ouranos) in giving the course on November 19, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

### **d. Information session – economic aspect of projects**

Considering that the COMEX members need more knowledge to be able to properly review the economic aspects of projects, it was agreed to organize an information session on the matter and call on an expert. Robert Joly will ensure the follow-up.

**10) Next meetings**

- a.** October 17, 2018, Montréal
- b.** November 19, 2018, Québec

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: July 26 to September 9, 2018</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Project to operate the Langlois Mine Ref. No.: 3214-14-026	Luc Laforge Nyrstar	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent: June 8, 2018	
	Isabelle Auger for Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Preliminary information	Sent: July 25, 2018 Received by COMEX: July 26, 2018	<i>For information</i>
Wood pellet production plant, Barrette-Chapais ltée Ref. No.: 3214-23-005	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Request to amend the certificate of authorization Recommendation by COMEX	Sent: July 26, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 27, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Benoit Barrette Barrette-Chapais ltée	Amended certificate of authorization	Sent: August 8, 2018	
Project to mine and process 600 000 additional tonnes of ore at the Bachelor Lake property, Metanor Resources Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Request to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: August 6, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt: August 6, 2018	
	Mireille Paul COMEX	Pascal Hamelin Metanor Resources Inc.	Milling of Barry ore at the Bachelor Lake mill Questions and comments	Sent: August 16, 2018 Received by COMEX: August 16, 2018	
Whabouchi mining project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Publication of documents on COMEX's website	Sent: August 9, 2018	
	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Publication of documents on COMEX's website	Sent: August 10, 2018	

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Whabouchi mining project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Residual materials management during the operation phase – Follow-up to condition 17 of the CA dated April 26, 2018	Sent: August 8, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Residual materials management during the operation phase – Follow-up to condition 17 of the CA dated April 26, 2018	Sent: August 14, 2018 Received by COMEX: August 14, 2018	<i>For information</i>
Eleonore mining project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Marjorie Bujold Goldcorp Éléonore	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Annual Report 2017 – Environmental monitoring and follow-up	Sent: August 2, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Annual Report 2017	Sent: August 10, 2018 Received by COMEX: August 10, 2018	<i>For information</i>
	Suzanne Larouche and France Trépanier Goldcorp Éléonore	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Opinagow environment committee's responses to COMEX's comments on Annual Report 2016	Sent: June 29, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: August 16, 2018 Received by COMEX: August 16, 2018	<i>For information</i>
Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Jacqueline Leroux BlackRock Metals Inc.	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Supplementary information to the impact study	Sent: August 28, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Supplementary information to the impact study	Sent: September 4, 2018 Received by COMEX: September 4, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
Eastmain-1-A/Rupert diversion project, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-10-017	Valérie Groison Hydro-Québec	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Monitoring of hydrology, hydraulics and continental thermal regime – 2016 report	Sent: July 26, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: September 4, 2018 Received by COMEX: September 5, 2018	<i>For information</i>



