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DATE:	April 3, 2019
PLACE:	COMEX office 800, rue Square-Victoria, suite 25.30 Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1J2
PRESENT:	Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG Brian Craik, CNG Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) Change of COMEX chairperson

The members discussed the change of chairperson and unanimously decided to appoint a signatory to ensure continuity in COMEX correspondence. Until such time as a new chairperson is appointed, all correspondence will be signed by Vanessa Chalifour, COMEX's executive secretary.

2) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

- a. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 371st meeting

The minutes of the 371st meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 371st meeting minutes

4) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from February 28 to April 2, 2019 are presented in Appendix A.

5) James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-055

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on November 8, 2018, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment report for Galaxy Lithium's James Bay Lithium Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and believe that clarifications are needed in the project description and impact assessment methods and that additional variables need to be examined before deciding whether the project is acceptable;

#2019-0403-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like more information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

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

Ref. No.: 3214-10-012

- a. Answers to additional questions – Request to amend the CA
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on July 20, 2018, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the updated request to amend the certificate of authorization for the project to increase the untreated peels storage capacity for the Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant, and whereas it received the answers to its additional questions on January 15, 2019;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the change to the project, as proposed by the proponent, be authorized on the condition that the proponent fulfil its commitments and comply with the authorization conditions. The latter are in addition to the conditions already set out in the amended certificate of authorization for the diversion of stormwater issued on January 11, 2019;

#2019-0403-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that he authorize the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization subject to conditions (recommendation detailed in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

7) Other business

a. Annual Report 2018-2019

Given that the annual report is for 2018-2019 and Suzann Méthot was chairperson that year, the COMEX members suggested contacting Ms. Méthot to ask if she would like to help write the annual report.

Robert Joly offered to start drafting the annual report and will follow up with COMEX.

b. Presentation of the Whabouchi and Renard research projects

Since COMEX is currently without a chairperson, presentation of the Whabouchi and Renard research projects was cancelled. The presentation can be rescheduled once a new chairperson has been appointed.

c. Restoration of the Principale Mine: comments received by the COMEX secretariat

The COMEX secretariat received comments from Wally Wapachee about mining projects in the James Bay territory. The members took due note of the comments.

d. *Les changements climatiques et l'autorisation environnementale – Guide à l'intention de l'initiateur de projet* (A proponent's guide to climate change and environmental assessment)

COMEX sent its comments to the MELCC.

e. Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui

After receiving the environmental and social impact assessment report for the project to develop a new landfill in Whapmagoostui (sent to COMEX by the Regional Administrator), the members noted that part of the access road to the project site is located on Inuit Category I lands and, therefore, think that the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) should be informed of such and render a decision in consultation with COMEX.

8) Next meetings

- a.** May 7, 2019, Montréal
- b.** June 18, 2019, Montréal
- c.** July 17-18, 2019, Eastmain (to be confirmed)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: February 28 to April 2, 2019					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Construction of forest roads “H, Section west” and “I” Ref. No.: 3214-05-075	Mireille Paul MELCC	Michel Sigouin Eacom Timber Corporation	Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: February 26, 2019 Received by COMEX: February 28, 2019	
	Michel Sigouin Eacom Timber Corporation	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Refusal to publish information on COMEX website	Sent: March 19, 2019	
Wood pellet production plant, Barrette-Chapais Itée Ref. No.: 3214-23-005	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow up to conditions 2 to 8 of the general certificate of authorization	Sent: March 12, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: March 13, 2019	
Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Clarification of the solution for ore haulage between the mine site and the CN railway	Sent: March 5, 2019	<i>For information</i>
	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow up to condition 2 of the certificate of authorization dated December 6, 2013	Sent: February 14, 2019	
	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: March 4, 2019 Received by COMEX: March 5, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Request to amend the general CA: COMEX’s recommendation	Sent: March 26, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: March 27, 2019	
Eleonore mining project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	France Trépanier GoldCorp Éléonore	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Request to amend the general CA: Comprehensive monitoring program and condition 6.1	Sent: February 12, 2019	
	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: March 7, 2019 Received by COMEX: March 7, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	France Trépanier GoldCorp Éléonore	Publication on COMEX website: Request to amend the general CA	Sent: March 8, 2019	
	France Trépanier GoldCorp Éléonore	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Publication on COMEX website: Request to amend the general CA	Sent: March 8, 2019	
	France Trépanier GoldCorp Éléonore	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Publication on COMEX website: Annual Report 2017	Sent: March 8, 2019	

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Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui Ref. No.: 3214-16-099	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Environmental and social impact assessment report	Sent: March 12, 2019	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation	Acknowledgement of receipt – environmental and social impact assessment report	Sent: March 20, 2019	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Environmental and social impact assessment report	Sent: March 20, 2019 Received by COMEX: March 20, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation	Publication on COMEX website	Sent: March 26, 2019	
	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Authorization to publish information on COMEX website	Sent: April 2, 2019	
Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant, Ref. No.: 3214-10-012	Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Water characterization sampling program – Temporary diversion of stormwater	Sent: March 19, 2019	
	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: March 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 2, 2019	<i>For information</i>
Whabouchi project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Request to amend the general CA following optimization of the planned mining operations during the operation phase	Sent: March 22, 2019	
	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: March 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 2, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Responses to COMEX’s questions and comments regarding first revision of the environmental and social monitoring program	Sent: March 18, 2019	
	Mireille Paul MELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX		Sent: March 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 2, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>

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<i>Guide sur les changements climatiques et l'autorisation environnementale – Guide à l'intention de l'initiateur de projet</i>	Mireille Paul MELCC	COMEX	<i>Guide sur les changements climatiques et l'autorisation environnementale – Guide à l'intention de l'initiateur de projet</i>	Sent: March 5, 2019	<i>For information</i>
	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Isabelle Nault MELCC	COMEX's comments	Sent: March 27, 2019	
	Michèle Leduc- Lapierre JBACE	Isabelle Nault MELCC	JBACE's comments	Sent: March 29, 2019	