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| DATE: | May 7, 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) Chairperson for COMEX

There has been no announcement regarding the appointment of a new chairperson.

2) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

- a. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 372nd meeting

The minutes of the 372nd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 372nd meeting minutes

4) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from April 3 to May 6, 2019 are presented in Appendix A.

5) Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui First Nation
Ref. No.: 3214-16-099

- a. *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment*
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on March 20, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment* for the project to develop a new landfill in Whapmagoostui;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified;

#2019-0507-01: *write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Regional Administrator
Send questions and comments

6) Eleonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Request to amend the general CA: Environmental monitoring program and condition 6.1
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on March 7, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, a request to amend the certificate of authorization for the environmental monitoring program and condition 6.1 for the Eleonore Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on the environmental monitoring program, which they believe requires clarification;

#2019-0507-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on the environmental monitoring program, which they believe requires clarification (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

7) Langlois Mine Project, Nyrstar

Ref. No.: 3214-14-026

- a. Request to amend the CA: Effluent discharge
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on February 18, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, a request to amend the certificate of authorization for effluent discharge for the Langlois Mine project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified;

#2019-0507-03: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

8) Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-052

- a. Request to amend the CA: Complement for the sanitary wastewater treatment system, including surface discharge
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 10, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, a request to amend the certificate of authorization for the sanitary wastewater system, including surface discharge, for the Whabouchi Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized;

#2019-0507-04: write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized (recommendation in the letter).

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the committee's recommendation

9) Project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit, BlackRock Metals Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-050

- a. Follow-up to conditions 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 20, 22 and 23 of the CA dated April 11, 2019
- b. Additional information concerning condition 16 of the CA dated April 11, 2019
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS COMEX received, for its recommendation, the follow-up to conditions 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 20, 22 and 23 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019 for BlackRock Metal's project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on certain conditions so as to ensure that they are met;

#2019-0507-05: write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on certain conditions so as to ensure that they are met (questions and comments in the letter).

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

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

Ref. No.: 3214-10-012

- a. Water characterization sampling program – Temporary diversion of stormwater
 - For information

WHEREAS on March 29, 2019, COMEX received, for information purposes, the water characterization sampling program 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 deem that the follow-up proposed by the proponent fulfils its undertakings related to the authorization issued on January 11, 2019 for temporary diversion of stormwater.

#2019-0507-06: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and deem that the follow-up proposed by the proponent fulfils its undertakings related to the authorization for temporary diversion of stormwater.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

11) Other business

a. Annual Report 2018-2019

Robert Joly contacted Suzann Méthot to get her comments on the annual report being drafted. She made a few comments and finished writing the chairperson's message given that she was the chairperson of COMEX for 2018-2019.

The linguistic revision and layout of the annual report remain to be done. Vanessa Chalifour will finalize the report.

#2019-0507-07: *Adoption of Annual Report 2018-2019*

Action: Linguistic revision, layout and translation. Send the report to the administrators, the JBACE, COMEV and other relevant bodies, such as the Cree-Québec Forestry Board and the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee and the Direction des évaluations environnementales des projets nordiques et miniers (MELCC). Publish on COMEX's website.

b. Management of condition monitoring for BlackRock Metals' mining project

Considering the number of documents to be submitted in the coming months, even years, related to monitoring of the conditions for BlackRock Metals' mining project, the members discussed how to handle the receipt and follow-up of the documents. For now, COMEX will proceed on a case-by-case basis. Each case will be assessed based on the documents received.

c. Translation of the analysis report for BlackRock Metals' mining project

The Cree Nation Government asked COMEX for a translation of the amendment to the certificate of authorization or COMEX's analysis report for the requested change to BlackRock Metals' mining project. Given that the MELCC will have the amendment to the CA issued on April 11, 2019 translated, COMEX decided not to get its analysis report translated unless it receives an official translation request.

12) Next meetings

- a.** June 18, 2019, Montréal
- b.** July 16, 2019, Québec

| Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: April 3 to May 6, 2019 | | | | | |
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| Project | From | To | Document | Date | Action - Comments |
| Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052 | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. | Publication on COMEX's website | Sent: April 4, 2019 | |
| | Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Authorization for publication on COMEX's website | Sent: April 4, 2019 | |
| | 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: April 9, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | Complement for the sanitary wastewater treatment system, including surface discharge | Sent: April 10, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 12, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Project to increase untreated peels storage capacity for the Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant Ref. No.: 3214-10-012 | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Request to amend the certificate of authorization: COMEX's recommendation | Sent: April 4, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: April 5, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie | Amendment to the certificate of authorization | Sent: April 30, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 1, 2019 | |
| Project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050 | Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Additional information for condition 2 of the CA dated December 6, 2013 | Sent: March 19, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: April 3, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 4, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc. | Amendment to the certificate of authorization | Sent: April 11, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 11, 2019 | |
| | Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Updated characterization program for the receiving environment (Condition 16) | Sent: April 1, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: April 16, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 24, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |

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| Project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050 | Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Addition information on condition 16 and follow-up of condition 3 of the CA dated December 6, 2013 | Sent: April 23, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: May 3, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 6, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055 | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Questions and comments | Sent: April 10, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: April 10, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. | | Sent: April 18, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 24, 2019 | |
| Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui Ref. No.: 3214-16-099 | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui | Sent: April 5, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 5, 2019 | |
| | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | <i>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</i> | Sent: April 5, 2019 | |
| Moblan Lithium Project, Lithium Guo Ao Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-062 | Marie-Christine Patoine Hatch | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | <i>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</i> | Sent: March 29, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: April 5, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 5, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Jian Gao Lithium Gua Ao Ltd. | Publication on COMEX's website | Sent: April 5, 2019 | |
| | Jian Gao Lithium Gua Ao Ltd. | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Authorization to publish on COMEX's website | Sent: April 8, 2019 | |
| Troilus Mine, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025 | Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Annual report on post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection, 2018 | Sent: March 29, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: April 11, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 12, 2019 | <i>For information</i> |

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| Project to mine and process 600 000 additional tonnes of ore, Metanor Resources Ref. No.: 3214-14-027 | Steve Gaudreault Bonterra Resources Inc. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Final report on kinetic tests on concentrator waste – Condition 1: Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore at the Bachelor Lake mine site | Sent: April 9, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: April 11, 2019 Received by COMEX: April 12, 2019 | <i>For information</i> |
| Langlois Mine Project, Nyrstar Ref. No.: 3214-14-026 | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | Marc-André Joly Nyrstar – Langlois Mine | Publication on COMEX's website | Sent: April 17, 2019 | |
| Thank-you letter to Suzann Méthot | COMEX | Suzann Méthot | Thank-you letter | Sent: April 26, 2019 | |