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DATE:	June 18, 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

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 373rd meeting

The minutes of the 373rd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 373rd meeting minutes

4) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from May 7 to June 17, 2019 are presented in Appendix A.

5) Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-14-053

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment study
- b. Answers to questions and comments
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on February 21, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the answers to the questions and comments COMEX sent in April and June 2018 in relation to Critical Elements' Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining 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;

#2019-0618-01: *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.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

6) Troilus Mine, Troilus Gold Corp.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-025

- a. Application to amend the CA: Change in the PR-1 effluent location via the tailings pond spillway on the former Troilus mine site
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 10, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization to permit Troilus Gold Corp. to change the PR-1 effluent location via the tailings pond spillway on the former Troilus mine site;

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;

#2019-0618-02: *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 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

7) Other business

a. Deadline for projects under review

The COMEX members discussed the projects currently under review and were informed of the items to be put on the agenda for the meeting in July 2019.

b. Discussion of road transport in James Bay

Given the existence of four (4) lithium mining projects in the territory of James Bay, COMEX is concerned about the cumulative effects of long-distance hauling of ore by heavy truck on the main arteries of the road network in Eeyou Istchee James Bay. Considering the multiple uses as well as users of the road network, consultation, cooperation and questioning are advisable moving forward, particularly among certain government players, including the Société du Plan Nord, the Ministère des Transports, the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs, the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles and, of course, the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques. COMEX intends to call on these players during the analysis and review of current projects.

8) Next meetings

- a. July 16, 2019, Québec
- b. August 28, 2019, Montréal
- c. October 2, 2019 (place to be determined)
- d. October 31, 2019 (place to be determined)
- e. December 4, 2019 (place to be determined)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: May 7 to June 17, 2019					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA - Complement for the sanitary wastewater treatment system, including surface discharge – COMEX's recommendation	Sent: May 8, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 8, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Amendment to the CA Sanitary wastewater treatment system, including surface discharge	Sent: May 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 30, 2019	
Langlois Mine Project, Nyrstar Ref. No.: 3214-14-026	COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA – Effluent discharge – Questions and comments	Sent: May 8, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 8, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Marc-André Joly Langlois mine site		Sent: May 17, 2019	
Project to mine an iron- vanadium deposit, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up to conditions 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 20, 22 and 23	Sent: May 8, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 8, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.		Sent: May 16, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Amendment to CA Conditions 3 and 16	Sent: June 10, 2019 Received by COMEX: June 3, 2019	
	N/A	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Responses to conditions 2 and 2.1 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019 (geochemical characterization of tailings and numerical modelling of dissolved- contaminant transport)	N/A	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 30, 2019	<i>For information and recommendation</i>
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Amendment to the certificate of authorization – Geochemical characteristics of tailings (monitoring program) and characterization program for the receiving environment	Sent: June 10, 2019 Received by COMEX: June 10, 2019	

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Project to increase untreated peels storage capacity for the Chapais Énergie cogeneration plant Ref. No.: 3214-10-012	COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Temporary diversion of stormwater – Water characterization sampling program	Sent: May 8, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 9, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie, Société en commandite		Sent: May 17, 2019	
Eleonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA – Environmental monitoring program and condition 6.1 – Questions and comments	Sent: May 8, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 9, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	France Trépanier Opinaca Mines Ltd.		Sent: May 14, 2019	
	France Trépanier Opinaca Mines Ltd.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA – Expansion of Quarry C-02	Sent: May 17, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 31, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 31, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	France Trépanier Opinaca Mines Ltd.	Publication on COMEX’s website	Sent: June 4, 2019	
	France Trépanier Opinaca Mines Ltd.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Permission to publish on COMEX’s website	Sent: June 5, 2019	
Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui First Nation Ref. No.: 3214-16-099	COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	<i>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</i> – Questions and comments	Sent: May 8, 2019	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation		Sent: May 23, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 23, 2019	

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Construction of an access road approximately 500 m long to get to the new landfill site in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui First Nation Ref. No.: 3215-05-006	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation	Questions and comments	Sent: June 10, 2019	<i>For information</i>
Renard Diamond Project Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social monitoring program, 2019	Sent: April 26, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 9, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 10, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA – Increase in ore extraction and processing rate	Sent: May 29, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: June 10, 2019 Received by COMEX: June 10, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc.	Publication on COMEX’s website	Sent: June 11, 2019	
	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Permission to publish on COMEX’s website	Sent: June 11, 2019	
Troilus Mine Project, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the CA – Change in the PR-1 effluent location via the tailings pond spillway on the former Troilus mine site	Sent: April 8, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 10, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 14, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Publication on COMEX’s website	Sent: May 16, 2019	
	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Permission to publish on COMEX’s website	Sent: May 21, 2019	

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161-kV BlackRock Metals Mining Property Electricity Service, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-09-027	Marie-Claude Caron Hydro-Québec	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Response to condition 3	Sent: April 26, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 13, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 15, 2019	<i>For information</i>
Connecting the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mine and Relocating a Segment of the 315-kV Line, Hydro-Québec Trans-Énergie	Guy Côté Hydro-Québec	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	<i>Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement</i> (answers to questions)	Sent: May 16, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	COMEX		Sent: May 23, 2019 Received by COMEX: May 23, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
COMEX Annual Report 2018-2019	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Marc Croteau – Deputy Minister MELCC Isaac Voyageur – Regional Administrator Jean-Yves Savaria – Chairperson JBACE Dominique Lavoie – MELCC Yves Rochon – MELCC Mandy Gull – Chairperson HFTCC Hervé Deschênes – CQFB Fred Tomatuk – Cree Trappers’ Association Grand Chief Abel Bosum – Cree Nation Government	COMEX Annual Report 2018-2019	Sent: May 28, 2019	

