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| DATE: | July 16, 2019 |
| PLACE: | Édifice Marie-Guyart
675, boul. René-Lévesque Est
Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7 |
| PRESENT: | Luc Lainé, Chairperson
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Joly, Québec
John Paul Murdoch, CNG (by telephone)
Brian Craik, CNG
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG analyst (by telephone)

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary |

1) Appointment of new chairperson to COMEX

The members welcomed COMEX's new chairperson, Luc Lainé, who was appointed on July 8, 2019.

2) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 374th meeting

The minutes of the 374th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 374th meeting minutes

4) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from June 18 to July 15, 2019 are presented in Appendix A.

5) Moblan Lithium Project, Lithium Guo Ao Ltée

Ref. No.: 3214-14-062

a. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report

➤ For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 5, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study* for Lithium Guo Ao's Moblan Lithium 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;

#2019-0716-01: *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) Eleonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Application to amend the global CA: Expansion of quarry C-02
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 31, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the global certificate of authorization for the expansion of quarry C-02 for Opinaca Mines' Eleonore Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization;

#2019-0716-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization (recommendation in the letter).*

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

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

Ref. No.: 3214-14-052

- a. Environmental and social monitoring program – revised report (v1) – Monitoring of air quality only
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on September 5, 2017, COMEX received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social monitoring program – revised report (v1) for Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine's Whabouchi Mine Project and, on March 29, 2019, received the answers to the questions and comments sent to the proponent in March 2018;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization. It is important to note that the recommendation pertains solely to air quality monitoring, which was reviewed on a priority basis to enable the proponent to begin acquiring equipment and material and start monitoring air quality as soon as possible;

#2019-0716-03: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization (recommendation in the letter).*

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

- b.** Application to amend the global CA: Optimization of planned mining operations during the operation phase
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on March 29, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the global certificate of authorization for optimization of the planned mining operations during the operation phase of Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine's Whabouchi 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;

#2019-0716-04: *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) Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-050

- a. Response to condition 2 regarding modelling, CA dated April 11, 2019 (geochemical characterization of tailings)
 - For recommendation
- b. Response to condition 2.1 regarding modelling, CA dated April 11, 2019 (digital modelling of dissolved contaminant transport)
 - For information

WHEREAS on May 29, 2019, COMEX received, for its recommendation and information, the report on monitoring of conditions 2 and 2.1 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019 for BlackRock Metals' iron-vanadium mining project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and deem that the requirements of condition 2 have been satisfied, but want the proponent to answer certain questions and comments so that COMEX can finish examining condition 2.1;

#2019-0716-05: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and deem that the requirements of condition 2 have been satisfied. However, the proponent must answer certain questions and comments so that COMEX can finish examining condition 2.1 (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

9) Other business

No points.

10) Next meetings

- a. August 27, 2019, Montréal
- b. October 2, 2019 (place to be determined)
- c. October 31, 2019 (place to be determined)
- d. December 4, 2019 (place to be determined)

| Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up: June 18 to July 15, 2019 | | | | | |
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| Project | From | To | Document | Date | Action - Comments |
| Troilus Mine,
Troilus Gold Corp.
Ref. No.: 3214-14-025 | Vanessa Chalifour
COMEX | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Application to amend the CA:
Change in the PR-1 effluent
location | Sent: June 19, 2019
Acknowledgement of receipt: June 20,
2019 | |
| | Maud Ablain for
Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | Jacqueline Leroux
Troilus Gold | Questions and comments for
the proponent | Sent: July 2, 2019
Received by COMEX: July 2, 2019 | |
| Rose Lithium-Tantalum
Mining Project,
Critical Elements
Corporation
Ref. No.: 3214-14-053 | Vanessa Chalifour
COMEX | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Environmental and social
impact study & Answers to
questions and comments | Sent: June 19, 2019
Acknowledgement of receipt: June 20,
2019 | |
| | Maud Ablain for
Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | Ann Gabor
Critical Elements
Corporation | Questions and comments for
the proponent | Sent: June 25, 2019
Received by COMEX: July 2, 2019 | |
| Renard Diamond Project,
Stornoway Diamond
(Canada) Inc.
Ref. No.: 3214-14-041 | Martin Boucher
Stornoway Diamond
(Canada) Inc. | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | <i>Sustainable Development
Report 2018</i> | Sent: June 14, 2019 | |
| | Maud Ablain for
Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: June 26, 2019
Received by COMEX: June 26, 2019 | <i>For information</i> |
| Wood pellet production
plant,
Barrette-Chapais ltée
Ref. No.: 3214-23-005 | Benoit Barrette
Barrette-Chapais
Ltée | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Follow-up on conditions 1 to 8
of the global CA | Sent: June 17, 2019 | |
| | Maud Ablain for
Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | COMEX | Answers to questions and
comments | Sent: June 26, 2019
Received by COMEX: June 26, 2019 | <i>For approval and information</i> |
| Moblan Lithium Project,
Lithium Guo Ao Ltée
Ref. No.: 3214-14-062 | Marie-Christine
Patoine
Hatch | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Additional information and
excerpts from the French
version of the impact
assessment report | Sent: June 12, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: July 8, 2019
Received by COMEX: July 9, 2019 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Renard Diamond Project
Ref. No.: 3214-14-041 | Martin Boucher
Stornoway Diamond
(Canada) Inc. | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Follow-up on conditions of the
global CA and annual
declarations 2017 and 2018 for
the Québec inventory of
atmospheric emissions | Sent: June 17, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: July 11, 2019
Received by COMEX: July 11, 2019 | <i>For information</i> |

| Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up: June 18 to July 15, 2019 | | | | | |
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| Iron-vanadium mining project,
BlackRock Metals Inc.
Ref. No.: 3214-14-050 | Yves Desrosiers
BlackRock Metals Inc. | Marc Croteau
Deputy Minister
MELCC | Responses to conditions 2.2, 5, 20, 32 and 34 (for information) and conditions 10 and 24 (for approval) | Sent: June 28, 2019 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie
MELCC | COMEX | | Sent: July 11, 2019
Received by COMEX: July 11, 2019 | <i>For information</i>
<i>For recommendation</i> |