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**DATE:** October 31, 2019

**PLACE:** COMEX office  
800, rue Square-Victoria, suite 25.30  
Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1J2

**PRESENT:** Luc Lainé, Chairperson  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Robert Joly, Québec  
John Paul Murdoch, CNG (telephone)  
Brian Craik, CNG

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

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

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- Closure of COMEX's Montréal office
- Federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum and James Bay Lithium mining projects

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 377<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 377<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 377<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from October 2 to 30, 2019 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui project**

**Ref. No.: 3214-16-099**

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

WHEREAS on March 20, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the document entitled *Environmental and Social Impacts Assessment* for the Whapmagoostui First Nation's project to develop a new landfill in Whapmagoostui, and the proponent's answers to the questions and comments COMEX sent in May 2019 were received on September 11, 2019;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Regional Administrator authorize the project subject to certain conditions;

**#2019-1030-01:** *write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the project be authorized subject to certain conditions (recommendations in the letter).*

**Action:     Write to the Regional Administrator**  
**Send recommendation**

**5) Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc.**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-050**

- a. Responses to conditions 5, 20, 32 and 34 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
- b. Responses to conditions 25 and 33 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
  - For information
- c. Response to condition 10 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
- d. Response to condition 9 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
- e. Response to condition 19 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS COMEX received the follow-up information for the following conditions for BlackRock Metal's project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit:

- Follow-up of condition 9 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on August 13, 2019 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up of condition 10 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on July 11, 2019 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up of condition 19 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on September 6, 2019 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up of conditions 5, 20, 32 and 34 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on July 11, 2019 (for information)
- Follow-up of conditions 25 and 33 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on August 13, 2019 (for information)

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and deem the requirements of conditions 5 and 34 to have been met; however, the proponent must answer a number of questions and comments in order that COMEX may finish examining conditions 9, 10, 19, 20, 25, 32 and 33;

**#2019-1030-02:** *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and deem the requirements of conditions 5 and 34 to have been met. In addition, the proponent must answer a number of questions and comments in order that COMEX may finish examining conditions 9, 10, 19, 20, 25, 32 and 33 (questions and comments in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**  
**Send questions and comments**

**6) Other business**

**a. Closure of COMEX's Montréal office**

Vanessa Chalifour informed the members that the lease on the Montréal office expires on December 31, 2019. COMEX will have to find somewhere else to hold its next meetings in Montréal.

**b. Federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum and James Bay Lithium mining projects**

John Paul Murdoch informed the COMEX members that, further to the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Cree Nation Government in respect of the public consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum and James Bay Lithium mining projects, a meeting could be organized between the Government of Canada and COMEX to discuss the possibility of coordinating the two consultation processes so as to avoid duplication.

As some checking is needed, this matter will be put on the agenda of COMEX's next meeting.

**7) Next meetings**

- a.** December 4, 2019, Québec
- b.** January 15, 2020, Montréal

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: October 2 to 30, 2019</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Project to develop an iron deposit in the Lac Doré geological complex, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Updates to conditions 2.1 and 2.2 and response to condition 30 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019	Sent: September 25, 2019	<i>For information</i>
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 1, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 2, 2019	
161-kV BlackRock Metals Mining Property Electricity Service, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-09-027	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Response to condition 3	Sent: October 3, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: October 4, 2019	
Nibiischii national park project, Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Ref. No.: 3214-18-003	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Change to park boundaries, zoning and development concept Questions and comments	Sent: October 3, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt: October 4, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Isabelle Tessier MFFP		Sent: October 9, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 11, 2019	
Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamond (Canada) Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up of condition 6.1 of the certificate of authorization dated December 4, 2012: Revised restoration plan	Sent: October 1, 2019	<i>For information</i>
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 4, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 7, 2019	
Project to restore the Principale Mine in Chibougamau, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No.: 3214-14-058	Renée Gagnon MERN	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: October 7, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 18, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 21, 2019	
	Luc Lainé COMEX	Renée Garon MERN	Publication on COMEX's website	Sent: October 23, 2019	

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Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Fortunato Coppola Stantec	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up of conditions 3 and 5 of the certificate of authorization dated March 10, 2017	Sent: August 22, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 23, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 24, 2019	<i>For approval</i>
Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Simon Thibault Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental monitoring report 2018	Sent: October 16, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 29, 2019 Received by COMEX: October 29, 2019	<i>For information</i>