



la Convention
de la Baie James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'examen des répercussions sur l'environnement et le milieu social

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MINUTES OF THE

383rd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(ADOPTED)

DATE:	April 29, 2020
PLACE:	Video conference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG John Paul Murdoch, CNG Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 382nd meeting

The minutes of the 382nd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 382nd meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from March 26 to April 28, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Processing of gold ore from the Barry and Moroy projects at the Bachelor mine site and increase in the milling rate

Ref. No.: 3214-14-027

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment study
- b. Additional information (Geochemical characterization report)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 18, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment study for the project to process gold ore from the Barry and Moroy projects at the Bachelor mine site and increase the milling rate, and received additional information (Geochemical characterization report) on February 5, 2020;

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

#2020-0429-01: *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 various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified (questions and comments enclosed with the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

5) Construction of forest roads “H, Section west” and “I,” Matériaux Blanchet
Ref. No.: 3214-05-075

- a. Application to amend the certificate of authorization
- b. Additional information
- c. Answers to questions and comments
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on November 18, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization, as well as additional information, concerning Matériaux Blanchet’s project to build forest roads “H, Section west” and “I,” and received more information (answers to questions and comments) on March 5, 2020;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the proponent’s application to amend the certificate of authorization with one condition;

#2020-0429-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the proponent’s application to amend the certificate of authorization with one condition (condition stipulated in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the recommendation

6) Other business

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

No new developments.

b. Status of the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project

In light of the current COVID-19 circumstances and, consequently, the fact that COMEX will not be able to hold public hearings on this project anytime soon, it was decided to send a third set of questions and comments to the proponent.

#2020-0429-03: *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 various aspects of the project that they believe need to be clarified (questions and comments enclosed with the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

c. Annual Report 2019-2020

Robert Joly drafted, for the annual report, texts on cumulative impacts, compensation for adverse effects on wetlands and bodies of water and *La Grande Alliance*, an agreement signed between the Gouvernement du Québec and the Cree Nation Government.

The proposed texts were unanimously approved by the members. Vanessa Chalifour will incorporate them and send the revised annual report to the members for final proofreading. The annual report will be adopted at the meeting on June 4, 2020.

d. Trip to James Bay – July 2020

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, organization of the trip is on hold for the moment. An update on the trip will be provided at the meeting on June 4, 2020.

e. Climate change

COMEX's chairman received a request to participate in the monitoring committee for research project CC22.1 – "Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT," headed by the Ministère des Transports du Québec. Following a discussion among the COMEX members, it was decided that Luc Lainé would reply to the email and complete the Doodle poll for the kick-off meeting of the monitoring committee. Mr. Lainé will also attend the first meeting and brief the members afterwards. After that, it will be decided which COMEX member will attend the subsequent meetings, if such is the case.

7) Next meetings

- a.** June 4, 2020 – Video conference
- b.** Week of July 6, 2020 – James Bay (*subject to change*)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: March 26 to April 28, 2020					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Eleonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELC	Application to amend the global certificate of authorization Offsetting plan for wetlands and water and riparian environments (Condition 2.1) Questions and comments	Sent: March 30, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: April 9, 2020	
Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX	Follow-up on condition 2	Sent: March 30, 2020 Received by COMEX: March 30, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
Troilus Mine Project, Troilus Gold Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corporation	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELC	Annual report on post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection, 2019	Sent: March 18, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 1, 2020 Received by COMEX: April 1, 2020	<i>For information</i>