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**DATE:** June 4, 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 383<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 383<sup>rd</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 383<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes**

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

Correspondence and follow-up action from April 29 to June 3, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

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

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

- a. Response to condition 9 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
- b. Response to condition 10 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
- c. Response to condition 19 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019 (parts 1 and 2)
  - For recommendation
- d. Responses to conditions 30 and 32 of the amended CA dated April 11, 2019
  - For information

WHEREAS the Review Committee (COMEX) received the follow-up on the following conditions for BlackRock Metals' project to mine an iron-vanadium deposit:

- Follow-up on condition 9 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on March 12, 2020 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up on condition 10 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on March 12, 2020 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up on condition 19 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on May 1 and 5, 2020 (for recommendation)
- Follow-up on condition 30 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on March 12, 2020 (for information)
- Follow-up on condition 32 of the certificate of authorization dated April 11, 2019, received by COMEX on March 12, 2020 (for information)

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on a number of conditions under review.

**#2020-0604-01:** *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 a number of conditions under review before making a decision in respect of their completion (questions and comments enclosed with the letter).*

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

**5) Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-052**

- a. Temporary camp and update to information on the Whabouchi site – Follow-up on the amendment to the CA for relocation of the temporary construction camp on the mine site
  - For information

WHEREAS on May 22, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, a letter concerning the temporary camp and updated information on the Whabouchi mine site for the Whabouchi mining project. The letter supersedes and replaces the proponent's letter of April 6, 2020.

WHEREAS the COMEX members affirm that they reviewed the information relating to the camp and the updated information relating to activities on the Whabouchi mine site, and whereas the proponent must submit an application to amend the certificate of authorization to allow for a new construction camp as soon as the future situation of the project is known.

**#2020-0604-02:** *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members affirm that they reviewed the information relating to the camp and the updated information relating to activities on the Whabouchi mine site. In addition, the proponent must submit an application to amend the certificate of authorization to allow for a new construction camp as soon as the future situation of the project is known.*

**Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator**

**6) Other business**

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

John Paul Murdoch and Brian Craik will attend the meeting on June 8, 2020 regarding the federal consultations. Further details will be provided at the next meeting.

**b. Meeting of the monitoring committee for research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT” (climate change)**

Luc Lainé outlined the project headed by Transports Québec, the goal of which is to establish a baseline and future regional climate portrait in support of the analysis of climate change impacts and adaptation in the territories of Eeyou Istchee James Bay, north of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nunavik.

Following a discussion, the COMEX members deemed it appropriate for COMEX to participate in the monitoring committee set up for the project. Vanessa Chalifour will follow up on the matter with the committee's contact person at Transports Québec to officially confirm COMEX's participation in the monitoring committee.

**c. Annual Report 2019-2020**

COMEX's Annual Report 2019-2020 was unanimously adopted.

**#2020-0604-03:** *Adoption of Annual Report 2019-2020.*

**Action:** Linguistic revision, layout and translation. Send the report to the administrators, the JBACE, COMEV and other appropriate bodies as well as the Direction des évaluations environnementales des projets nordiques et miniers. Publish it on COMEX's website

**d. Trip to James Bay – July 2020**

In light of the current COVID-19 situation in Québec, the trip to James Bay planned for early July 2020 is cancelled until a later date.

**7) Next meetings**

- a. July 9, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- b. August 27, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- c. September 29, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: April 29 to June 3, 2020</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project, Critical Elements Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social impact study Questions and comments (QC3)	Sent: April 30, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 1, 2020	
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	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social impact assessment report Questions and comments (QC1)	Sent: April 30, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 1, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Pascal Hamelin Metanor Resources Inc.		Sent: May 20, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 28, 2020	
Construction of forest roads “H, Section west” and “I”, Matériaux Blanchet Ref. No.: 3214-05-075	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Recommendation	Sent: May 4, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 4, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Michel Sigouin Eacom Timber Corporation		Sent: May 27, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 27, 2020	
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	Follow-up on condition 19 of the CA dated April 11, 2019 (2nd part)	Sent: March 24, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 1, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 4, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Pierre Cossette BlackRock Metals Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up on condition 19 of the CA dated April 11, 2019 (map)	Sent: March 25, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 5, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 5, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up on condition 16 of the CA dated April 11, 2019	Sent: May 5, 2020	
			Follow-up on conditions 22 and 23 of the CA dated April 11, 2019	Sent: May 8, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Follow-up on conditions 16, 22 and 23 of the CA dated April 11, 2019	Sent: May 15, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 15, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Eleonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	France Trépanier Opinaca Mines Ltd.	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Offsetting plan for wetlands and water and riparian environments (Condition 2.1) Questions and comments	Sent: April 30, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 1, 2020	
Chapais cogeneration plant, Chapais Énergie S.E.C. Ref. No.: 3214-10-012	Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Installation of a steam line		
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 4, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 4, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
Project to dewater the J-4 and 87 pits of the old Troilus mine, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Supplementary information to the impact study (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: May 12, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 19, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 19, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Robert Beaulieu Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Temporary camp and updated information on the Whabouchi site Follow-up on the amendment to the CA for relocation of the temporary construction camp on the mine site	Sent: May 12, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 22, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 22, 2020	<i>For information</i>
Project to dig and operate continuous trenches rather than in-trench disposal sites – LEET Oujé-Bougoumou, Cree Nation of Oujé- Bougoumou Ref. No.: 3214-16-025	Raphael Joannis- Clément Stantec	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: May 11, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 22, 2020 Received by COMEX: May 22, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>