



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

385th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(ADOPTED)

DATE:	July 9, 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 384th meeting

The minutes of the 384th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 384th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from June 4 to July 8, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Project to dewater the J-4 and 87 pits of the old Troilus mine, Troilus Gold Corp.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-025

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment study
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 13, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment study for the dewatering of the J-4 and 87 pits of the old Troilus mine and subsequently received additional information (answers to its questions and comments) on April 6, 2020;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the project-related documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the project provided that the proponent honour its commitments and comply with the conditions of authorization. In addition, COMEX suggests that the dewatering work begin within the next 2 years at the latest and be completed no later than 10 years after the date of issuance of the certificate of authorization;

#2020-0709-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the project be authorized subject to certain conditions (recommendation detailed in the letter and the analysis report).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the recommendation

5) Cogeneration plant in Chapais, Chapais Énergie S.E.C.

Ref. No.: 3214-10-012

- a. Application to amend the CA: Installation of a steam pipeline
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 4, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the installation of a steam pipeline for the Chapais cogeneration plant;

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;

#2020-0709-02: 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 included in the letter).

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

6) Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi

Ref. No.: 3214-16-068

- b. Follow-up on condition 2
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on March 30, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the follow-up on condition 2 of the certificate of authorization dated March 10, 2017 for the solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi;

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;

#2020-0709-03: 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 included in the letter).

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

7) Other businesses

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

John Paul Murdoch said that the James Bay Lithium Mine project is progressing more slowly owing to the current COVID-19 situation in Québec. The Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mine project, on the other hand, is maintaining the same schedule and the federal government may hold public consultations this fall.

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

Luc Lainé said that the minutes of the monitoring committee’s first meeting were sent to all of the COMEX members. The date of the monitoring committee’s next meeting is to be determined.

8) Next meetings

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

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: June 4 to July 8, 2020					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Temporary camp and updated information on the Whabouchi site	Sent: June 4, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: June 4, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Robert Beaulieu Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.	Follow-up on the amendment to the certificate of authorization for relocation of the temporary construction camp on the mine site	Sent: June 11, 2020 Received by COMEX: June 11, 2020	
Troilus Mine Project, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Change in the PR-1 effluent location via the tailings pond spillway File closure	Sent: June 5, 2020 Received by COMEX: June 5, 2020	
Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor Lake underground mine, Metanor Resources Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Annual Report 2019	Sent: May 15, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: June 8, 2020 Received by COMEX: June 8, 2020	<i>For information</i>
Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Follow-up of conditions – June 2020	Sent: June 10, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: June 10, 2020	
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Supplementary information to the environmental and social impact assessment (answers to QC-2)	Sent: June 2, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: June 10, 2020 Received by COMEX: June 10, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor Lake underground mine, Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Luc Lainé COMEX	Pascal Hamelin Metanor Resources Inc.	Publication on COMEX's website Annual reports 2018 and 2019	Sent: June 12, 2020	
	Pascal Hamelin Metanor Resources Inc.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX		Sent: June 12, 2020	
Chapais cogeneration plant, Chapais Énergie S.E.C. Ref. No.: 3214-10-012	Luc Lainé COMEX	Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie S.E.C.	Publication on COMEX's website Amendment to the certificate of authorization for the installation of a steam pipeline	Sent: June 12, 2020	
COMEX Annual Report 2019-2020	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Marc Croteau, Deputy Minister MELCC Isaac Voyageur, Regional Administrator (CNG) Dominique Lavoie and Yves Rochon, MELCC JBACE HFTCC CQFB CTA CNG	COMEX Annual Report 2019-2020	Sent: July 2, 2020	