



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

386th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(ADOPTED)

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| DATE: | August 27, 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 385th meeting

The minutes of the 385th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 385th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from July 9 to August 26, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) James Bay Lithium Mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-055

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment
- b. Additional information (answers QC1)
- c. Additional information (answers QC2)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on November 7, 2018, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the James Bay Lithium Mine project, and received additional information on July 31, 2019 (answers QC1) and June 2, 2020 (answers QC2);

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;

#2020-0827-01: *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 (questions and comments document enclosed with the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

**5) 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

- a. Application to amend the CA
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 22, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received an application to amend the certificate of authorization to extend the life of the landfill in Oujé-Bougoumou;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the project-related documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the amendment to the certificate of authorization;

#2020-0827-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized (recommendation included 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

John Paul Murdoch confirmed that there have been no new developments regarding the federal consultations on these two projects.

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

No new developments. The date of the monitoring committee’s next meeting is to be determined.

c. Fénelon gold mining project: Project review

WHEREAS on July 30, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the Fénelon gold mining project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and noted that the report on dispersion modelling of potential air pollutants emitted by the project and the study on land use by the Cree Nation of Waskaganish were missing. In addition, the proponent failed to provide an English version of the impact assessment and the summary thereof. COMEX wants to reiterate the importance of providing those documents in English so that all stakeholders can fully understand the project;

#2020-0827-03: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and are still waiting to receive the missing documents. As soon as the documents have been received, COMEX will review the project and then make its recommendation as to whether the project should be authorized or not.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the letter

7) Next meetings

- a. September 29, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- b. October 29, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- c. November 25, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- d. December 16, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up: July 9 to August 26, 2020

| Project | From | To | Document | Date | Action - Comments |
|---|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Project to dewater the J-4 and 87 pits of the old Troilus mine, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025 | Luc Lainé COMEX | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Environmental and social impact study Recommendation | Sent: July 9, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 10, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp. | | Sent: July 29, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 31, 2020 | |
| Chapais cogeneration plant, Chapais Énergie S.E.C. Ref. No.: 3214-10-012 | Luc Lainé COMEX | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Application to amend the certificate of authorization Installation of a steam pipeline Questions and comments | Sent: July 9, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 10, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Pascal Tremblay Chapais Énergie S.E.C. | | Sent: August 13, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 13, 2020 | |
| Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068 | Luc Lainé COMEX | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator | Follow-up on condition 2 of the certificate of authorization dated March 10, 2020 Questions and comments | Sent: July 9, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 9, 2020 | |
| | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator | Rhonda O. Cooper Cree Nation of Waswanipi | | Sent: July 9, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 10, 2020 | |
| Nyrstar Langlois Mine project Ref. No.: 3214-14-026 | Marc-André Joly Nyrstar, Langlois Mine | Murielle Vachon MELCC | Application to amend the certificate of authorization Modification of the distribution of final effluent releases File closure | Sent: June 15, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: July 14, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 14, 2020 | <i>For information</i> |
| Éléonore Mine Project, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042 | Geneviève Pépin Goldcorp Canada Ltd. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | <i>2019 Annual Report, Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance at the Éléonore Mine Site</i> | Sent: June 29, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: July 14, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 16, 2020 | <i>For information</i> |
| Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui Ref. No.: 3214-16-099 | Guillaume Bédard Whapmagoostui First Nation | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator | Follow-up on conditions 4, 6 and 10 of the CA dated November 13, 2019 | Sent: July 21, 2020 | |
| | Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: July 22, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 22, 2020 | <i>For information and approval</i> |

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| Project to restore the Principale Mine in Chibougamau, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No.: 3214-14-058 | Renée Garon MERN | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Application to amend the certificate of authorization | Sent: June 29, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | Additional information (answers to questions and comments) | Sent: July 27, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 27, 2020 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Fénelon gold mining project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064 | François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Environmental and social impact assessment | Sent: July 10, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: July 30, 2020 Received by COMEX: July 30, 2020 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Luc Lainé COMEX | François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited | Publication on COMEX's website Environmental and social impact assessment | Sent: July 30, 2020 | |
| | François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: August 10, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 12, 2020 | |
| | François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Environmental and social impact assessment - Summary | Sent: July 22, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | | Sent: August 12, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 12, 2020 | |
| Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project, Critical Elements Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053 | Anne Gabor Critical Elements Corporation | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Environmental and social impact assessment | Sent: July 30, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | Additional information (answers QC3) | Sent: August 12, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 12, 2020 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050 | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc. | Application to amend the certificate of authorization Follow-up on conditions 19, 30 and 32 | Sent: July 30, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 14, 2020 | |

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| Renard Diamond Project Ref. No.: 3214-14-041 | Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. | Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC | Application to amend the certificate of authorization <i>Environmental and Social Monitoring Program</i> | Sent: August 11, 2020 | |
| | Dominique Lavoie MELCC | Luc Lainé COMEX | Additional information (answers to questions and comments) | Sent: August 19, 2020 Received by COMEX: August 20, 2020 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Luc Lainé COMEX | Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. | Publication on COMEX's website Application to amend the certificate of authorization <i>Environmental and Social Monitoring Program</i> | Sent: August 20, 2020 | |