



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

387th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(ADOPTED)

DATE: September 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 386th meeting

The minutes of the 386th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 386th meeting minutes.

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from August 27 to September 28, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Project to restore the Mine Principale in Chibougamau, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles

Ref. No.: 3214-14-058

- a. Application to amend the CA
- b. Additional information
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on October 8, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the project to restore the Mine Principale, and received additional information on December 9, 2019 and July 27, 2020;

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, subject to two conditions;

#2020-0929-01: *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, subject to two conditions (conditions in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the recommendation

5) Troilus Mine Project, Troilus Gold Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-14-025

- a. Annual post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report, 2019
 - For information

WHEREAS on April 1, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, the 2019 annual post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report for the Troilus Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the report and consider that it complies satisfactorily with the environmental monitoring program. COMEX nevertheless has some questions and comments it would like the proponent to address in its next annual report;

#2020-0929-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and have questions and comments for the proponent. The proponent must address the questions and comments in its next annual report (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

6) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Environmental monitoring report, 2019
 - For information

WHEREAS on July 14, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, the 2019 environmental monitoring report for the Éléonore Mine Project;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the report and have some questions and comments they would like the proponent to address in its next annual report;

#2020-0929-03: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the document submitted by the proponent and have questions and comments for the proponent. The proponent must address the questions and comments in its next annual report (questions and comments in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

7) Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-050

- a. Response to condition 16 of the amendment to the CA dated April 11, 2019
- b. Response to condition 23 of the amendment to the CA dated April 11, 2019
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 15, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received the follow-up on conditions 16 and 23 of the certificate of authorization issued on April 11, 2019 for BlackRock Metals' project to develop an iron-vanadium deposit;

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and would like additional information on certain conditions under study;

#2020-0929-04: *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 certain conditions under study before rendering a decision regarding their completion (questions and comments in a document enclosed with the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

8) Other businesses

a. Discussion with Patrick Beauchesne, Chief Executive Officer of the Société du Plan Nord (meeting held at 9:15)

COMEX met with Patrick Beauchesne, Chief Executive Officer of the Société du Plan Nord (SPN), to discuss issues common to COMEX and the SPN, including road transportation, wetlands, conservation of natural environments, and energy supplies. Several matters were discussed, in particular decision support tools for COMEX. The members appreciated Mr. Beauchesne's participation as well as his openness and availability. More meetings will be planned.

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

The federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project may be postponed until early 2021.

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

Vanessa Chalifour emailed the coordinator of the monitoring committee to find out when the committee's next meeting will be held.

d. Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project: Discussion on the project analysis

Robert Joly will contact the BAPE to enquire about technology used and available for holding public consultations by video conference. He'll ask about the BAPE's experience and the logistical challenges involved. Mr. Joly will report back to Vanessa Chalifour.

9) Next meetings

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

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: August 27 to September 28, 2020					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social impact assessment Questions and comments	Sent: August 27, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: August 27, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.		Sent: September 14, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 14, 2020	
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	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Recommendation	Sent: August 27, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: August 27, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Chief Curtis Bosum Cree Nation of Oujé-Bougoumou		Sent: September 16, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 17, 2020	
Fénelon Gold Project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social impact assessment Project analysis	Sent: August 27, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: August 27, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited		Sent: September 9, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 10, 2020	
Invitation to come to COMEX's next meeting	Luc Lainé COMEX	Patrick Beauchesne Société du Plan Nord	Invitation to come to COMEX's next meeting	Sent: August 28, 2020	
	Patrick Beauchesne Société du Plan Nord	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX		Sent: September 1, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 1, 2020	
Renard Diamond Project Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Martin Boucher Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Publication on COMEX's website Application to amend the certificate of authorization <i>Environmental and Social Monitoring Program</i>	Sent: September 1, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 1, 2020	

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Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Fortunato Coppola Stantec	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Responses to conditions 3 and 5 of the certificate of authorization dated March 10, 2017	Sent: August 27, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: September 11, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 14, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Geneviève Pépin Newmont	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: August 25, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Operation of the tailings storage facility	Sent: September 8, 2020 Received by COMEX: September 15, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Luc Lainé COMEX	Geneviève Pépin Newmont	Publication on COMEX's website Application to amend the certificate of authorization Operation of the tailings storage facility	Sent: September 15, 2020	