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

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 387th meeting

The minutes of the 387th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 387th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from September 29 to October 28, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-041

- a. Application to amend the CA: Environmental and Social Monitoring Program
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 9, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the Environmental and Social Monitoring Program for the Renard Diamond Project. Additional information was received on August 19, 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.

#2020-1029-01: *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.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the recommendation

5) Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui

Ref. No.: 3214-16-099

- a. Follow-up on conditions 6 and 10
 - For information
- b. Follow-up on condition 4
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on July 22, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the follow-up on condition 4 of the project to develop a new landfill in Whapmagoostui. The follow-up on conditions 6 and 10 was also received on July 22, 2020 for information purposes.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the environmental and social monitoring program be approved (condition 4). In addition, the COMEX members consider that the proponent has satisfied the requirements of conditions 6 and 10 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 13, 2019.

#2020-1029-02: *Write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the environmental and social monitoring program be approved (condition 4). In addition, the COMEX members consider that the proponent has satisfied the requirements of conditions 6 and 10 of the certificate of authorization issued on November 13, 2019.*

Action: **Write to the Regional Administrator**
 Send the recommendation

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

Ref. No.: 3214-16-068

- a. Follow-up on condition 1
 - For information
- b. Follow-up on conditions 3 and 5
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on October 23, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the follow-up on conditions 3 and 5 of the certificate of authorization issued on March 10, 2017 for the solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi. The follow-up on condition 1 was also received on October 23, 2019 for information purposes. Additional information was received on September 11, 2020.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and consider that the proponent has satisfied the requirements of condition 1 of the certificate of authorization issued on March 10, 2017. In addition, the COMEX members recommend that the environmental monitoring program (condition 3) and the action plan for site rehabilitation (condition 5) be approved.

#2020-1029-03: *Write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and consider that the proponent has satisfied the requirements of condition 1 of the certificate of authorization issued on March 10, 2017. In addition, the COMEX members recommend that the environmental monitoring program (condition 3) and the action plan for site rehabilitation (condition 5) be approved.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send the recommendation

7) Other businesses

- a. Federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum and James Bay Lithium mining projects**
No new developments.
- b. Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project: Discussion on the project analysis**
Discussion of the project was deferred to a later date. Vanessa Chalifour will set up a Doodle survey to poll the members for a possible date in November 2020.
- c. Meeting of the monitoring committee for research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT” (climate change)**
No new developments.
- d. Feedback on the meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Société du Plan Nord**
The members again expressed their appreciation of the meeting held with the Chief Executive Officer of the Société du Plan Nord in September 2020 and hope to keep the channels of communication with him open, particularly as regards major issues in the region.

With respect to electrification, Robert Joly will contact Louis Germain, director general of MERN’s Direction générale de l’électricité, to enquire about future energy supply needs for development projects in James Bay.

e. BAPE's mandate relating to ultimate waste disposal in Québec

The Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change mandated the BAPE to examine the issue of ultimate waste in Québec. As COMEX understands it, the mandate applies to all of Québec and, therefore, the territory of Eeyou Istchee James Bay. Considering that COMEX has reviewed several projects related to residual materials management in the last few years, the members discussed the possibility of working with the JBACE and sharing COMEX's recent concerns on the matter.

8) Next meetings

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

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: September 29 to October 28, 2020					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Troilus Mine Project, Troilus Gold Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Annual post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report, 2019 Questions and comments	Sent: September 29, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: September 30, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.		Sent: October 9, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 9, 2020	
Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	2019 environmental monitoring report Questions and comments	Sent: September 29, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: September 30, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Geneviève Pepin Opinaca Mines Ltd.		Sent: October 1, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 2, 2020	
Project to restore the Principale Mine in Chibougamau, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No.: 3214-14-058	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization COMEX's recommendation	Sent: September 29, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: September 30, 2020	
Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the global certificate of authorization Follow-up on conditions 16 and 23 of the CA issued on April 11, 2019 Questions and comments	Sent: September 29, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: September 30, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.		Sent: October 9, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 9, 2020	
Federal consultations on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project	Benoît Dubreuil Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Yves Rochon MELCC	Federal consultations and provincial concerns related to the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project	Sent: October 6, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 6, 2020	
	Yves Rochon MELCC	Benoît Dubreuil Impact Assessment Agency of Canada		Sent: October 16, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 19, 2020	
Chapais cogeneration plant, Chapais Énergie S.E.C. Ref. No.: 3214-10-012	Pascal Tremblay Nexolia Services Chapais Énergie Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization – Installation of a steam pipeline Additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: September 23, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie COMEX	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 8, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 9, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Landfill site in Wemindji Ref. No.: 3214-16-099.1	Arden Visitor Cree Nation of Wemindji	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Environmental and social impact assessment	Sent: October 15, 2020	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: October 19, 2020 Received by COMEX: October 19, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Luc Lainé COMEX	Deputy Chief Arden Visitor Cree Nation of Wemindji	Publication on COMEX's website Environmental and social impact assessment	Sent: October 20, 2020	