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DATE:	November 25, 2020
PLACE:	Videoconference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG Brian Craik, 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 388th meeting

The minutes of the 388th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 388th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from October 29 to November 24, 2020 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd

Ref. No.: 3214-14-042

- a. Application to amend the CA: Operation of the tailings storage facility
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on September 8, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for operation of the tailings storage facility for the Éléonore Mine.

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.

#2020-1125-01: *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 in the letter).*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator
Send questions and comments

5) Chapais cogeneration plant project, Chapais Énergie S.E.C.

Ref. No.: 3214-10-012

- a. Application to amend the CA: Installation of a steam pipeline
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on May 4, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization to permit the installation of a steam pipeline for the Chapais cogeneration plant. Additional information was received on October 8, 2020.

WHEREAS the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and do not foresee any major environmental and social impacts arising from the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization. However, COMEX understands that the project to install the steam pipeline was carried out in summer/fall 2020.

#2020-1125-02: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and understand that the project to install the steam pipeline was carried out in summer/fall 2020.*

Action: **Write to the Provincial Administrator**
 Send correspondence

6) Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-052

- a. Request to extend the submission deadline for the 2019 environmental and social monitoring report
 - For information

WHEREAS on November 20, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for information purposes, a request to extend the submission deadline for the 2019 environmental and social monitoring report for the Whabouchi project.

The COMEX members have taken note of the proponent's request and are waiting to receive the report in question.

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 holding of public hearings

Robert Joly briefed the members on the matters discussed at the meeting with the BAPE on holding public hearings during a pandemic. The COMEX members subsequently discussed the possibilities for holding public hearings. Tentatively, hearings could be held in February 2021 on Zoom using technological means available through the Cree Nation Government. Vanessa Chalifour will contact the proponent of the Rose Lithium-Tantalum project, as well as Hydro-Québec, which is involved for the related power transmission line project, to see if they would be available to participate in hearings in February 2021. Vanessa Chalifour will also contact the Cree Nation Government and the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government to see about using their technology infrastructure. She'll give the members an update at the COMEX meeting on December 16.

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

No new developments.

d. Planning of a meeting with the Cree-Québec Forestry Board

At the October 29, 2020 meeting, there was a proposal to meet with the Cree-Québec Forestry Board to discuss forest roads. However, given that there are no new developments in the matter, it was decided not to meet with the CQFB just yet.

e. Éléonore Mine Project: Research project on revegetation of a restored tailings site

COMEX received a request to be interviewed for participation in a research project on revegetation of a restored tailings site on the Éléonore Mine property. Following a discussion, the members decided not to participate. Vanessa Chalifour will inform the proponent of the Éléonore project of the decision.

f. Financial support to supply power to mining projects

The members were informed that the Business Development Bank of Canada is making financial support available to proponents of mining projects in the Nord-du-Québec region for the construction of power lines to connect to Hydro-Québec's power grid. This will help reduce hydrocarbon use as well as greenhouse gas emissions.

8) Next meetings

- a.** December 16, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- b.** January 28, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- c.** February 24, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)
- d.** March 25, 2020 – Video conference (Teams)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: October 29 to November 24, 2020					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Renard Diamond Project Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Environmental and Social Monitoring Program Recommendation	Sent: November 2, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: November 2, 2020	
Solid waste disposal site project in Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Follow-up on conditions 1, 3 and 5 Recommendation	Sent: November 2, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: November 2, 2020	
Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui First Nation Ref. No.: 3214-16-099	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Follow-up on conditions 4, 6 and 10 Recommendation	Sent: November 2, 2020 Acknowledgement of receipt: November 3, 2020	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	George E. Pachano Whapmagoostui First Nation		Sent: November 3, 2020 Received by COMEX: November 3, 2020	
Project to restore the Principale Mine in Chibougamau, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No.: 3214-14-058	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Renée Garon MERN	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Amendment to the certificate of authorization	Sent: October 21, 2020 Received by COMEX: November 4, 2020	
Fenelon Gold Project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	<i>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</i> Complementary document to the impact assessment	Sent: October 16, 2020 (electronic copy) and October 23, 2020 (print copy)	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: November 4, 2020 Received by COMEX: November 6, 2020	<i>For recommendation</i>
Whabouchi Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Isabelle Petit Nemaska Lithium	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Request to extend the submission deadline for the 2019 environmental and social monitoring report	Sent: November 12, 2020	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: November 20, 2020 Received by COMEX: November 20, 2020	<i>For information</i>