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**DATE:** February 24, 2021

**PLACE:** Video conference (Teams)

**PRESENT:** Luc Lainé, Chairman  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Robert Joly, Québec  
John Paul Murdoch, CNG  
Brian Craik, CNG  
  
Kelly Leblanc, Environmental and Social Assessment  
Coordinator, 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 391st meeting**

The minutes of the 391st meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 391st meeting minutes**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up action**

Correspondence and follow-up action from January 28 to February 23, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-042**

- a. Application to amend the CA: Offsetting plan for wetlands, bodies of water and riparian environments
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on December 18, 2019, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, an application to amend the certificate of authorization for the offsetting plan for wetlands, bodies of water and riparian environments for the Éléonore Mine Project and, on December 9, 2020, received additional information (answers to the committee's questions and comments).

The COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and, after discussing the matter, decided to continue the discussion at the committee's next meeting.

**Action: Discussion of the project will continue at the next meeting**

**5) Other business**

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

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada might launch its consultation on the preliminary assessment report for the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project in March 2021.

**b. Complexity of road management in James Bay**

John Paul Murdoch shared new information he obtained regarding the complexity of road management in the James Bay region. In particular, the fact that roads are managed by different authorities, so standards can vary according to the authority and jurisdiction, with different-weight trucks being authorized.

**c. Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project: Feedback on the public hearings**

The COMEX members discussed the public hearings held on February 15, 16 and 18, 2021 for the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project. They made several observations, particularly regarding the limitations of virtual public hearings. It's a very different experience from hearings with physical presence, for both participants and COMEX. The remark was made that, in the event that more virtual public hearings are held soon, participants should be allotted more time to express their views.

Several issues were raised by participants during the hearings and COMEX will consider every one of them when writing its final recommendation. Participants have until March 18, 2021 to submit their comments and/or briefs to COMEX. After that, COMEX will review all of the comments and/or briefs received and take them into account in its recommendation. COMEX also raised the possibility of talking with other stakeholders, in particular regarding road transportation.

The committee will continue discussing the Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project at its next meeting.

**d. Email request received by COMEX : Indigenous peoples in impact assessment project**

Following a discussion of a request received by email concerning the Indigenous peoples in impact assessment project, the members proposed that Luc Lainé contact the person who made the request to obtain further details.

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

Vanessa Chalifour contacted the resource person for the monitoring committee to find out what the next steps are and assess the workload involved in COMEX's participation in the committee in the coming months. According to the information she received, COMEX should hear something in the coming weeks.

**6) Next meetings**

- a.** March 25, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)
- b.** April 22, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)
- c.** May 27, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)
- d.** June 29, 2021 – Video conference (Teams)

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: January 28 to February 23, 2021					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Iron-vanadium mining project, BlackRock Metals Inc. (BRM) Ref. No.: 3214-14-050	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Desrosiers BlackRock Metals Inc.	Application to amend the global certificate of authorization Follow-up on condition 22 of the amendment dated April 11, 2019 Questions and comments	Sent: January 28, 2021 Received by COMEX: January 28, 2021	
Fénelon mining project, Wallbridge Mining Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Suspension of the project review	Sent: January 29, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 8, 2021	
Processing of gold ore from the Barry and Moroy projects at the Bachelor mine mill and increase in the milling rate Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Answers to the first series of questions and comments Project review	Sent: January 29, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 8, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources Inc.		Sent: February 11, 2021 Received by COMEX: February 11, 2021	
Nibiischii national park project, Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Ref. No.: 3214-18-003	Mario Gosselin Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: January 28, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: February 10, 2021 Received by COMEX: February 10, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
Whabouchi Project – Development and operation of a spodumene deposit in the James Bay territory, Nemaska Lithium Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-052	Isabelle Petit Nemaska Lithium	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and social monitoring report, 2019-2020	Sent: January 31, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: February 15, 2021 Received by COMEX: February 16, 2021	<i>For information</i>
	Luc Lainé COMEX	Isabelle Petit Nemaska Lithium	Publication on COMEX's website	Sent: February 16, 2021	
Éléonore Mine Project, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Geneviève Pepin Newmont Canada	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Operation of the storage tailings facility	Sent: February 4, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent: February 16, 2021 Received by COMEX: February 16, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Anissa Amri Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental and Social Monitoring Program	Sent: February 15, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX	Answers to questions and comments	Sent: February 19, 2021 Received by COMEX: February 22, 2021	<i>For information</i>

