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DATE:	403 A: April 21, 2022 403 B: May 3, 2022
PLACE:	Video conference (Teams)
PRESENT:	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project – Permanent housing complex on the Eastmain-1 temporary workcamp site, Hydro-Québec
Ref. No.: 3214-10-017

Representatives of Hydro-Québec (Natalie Nicole and Luc Duquette), the Société d'énergie de la Baie James – SEBJ (Nourredine Mouncef), Nadoshtin Residence Corporation (Davey Bobbish) and the Cree Nation of Eastmain (Greg Williams) briefly explained the project to the COMEX members. Analysts from the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MELCC) and the Cree Nation Government (CNG) also attended the meeting. The permanent housing project on the Eastmain-1 workcamp site consists in building a new residential building and a community centre and upgrading existing infrastructure. Nadoshtin Residence Corporation, the future project proponent to whom Hydro-Québec will assign its rights, briefly went over the application for exemption and the application to amend the certificate of authorization it plans to submit in May 2022.

Hydro-Québec will be the sole user of the new housing complex with an accommodation capacity of 100 people and will also have a say in any facility in the area surrounding the complex.

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 402nd meeting

The minutes of the 402nd meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 402nd meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from March 23 to April 21, 2022 are presented in Appendix A.

4) Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC

Ref. No.: 3219-10-001

- a)** Environmental and social impact assessment
- b)** Additional information
- c)** Feedback on the public hearing: Questions from the public
- d)** Preliminary analysis report
 - i)** For recommendation

A preliminary version of the review report for the hybrid power plant project had been submitted to COMEX. The committee discussed the comments made by the MELCC and CNG analysts and made its recommendations. A final version of the report will be submitted to COMEX, for approval, before the next meeting.

5) Other business

a. Research project CC22.1 – “Portrait climatique EIBJ-Nunavik-AT”: Knowledge transfer activities

Daniel Berrouard and Sophie Cooper attended the presentation of the final results of the research project on climate change in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Eeyou Istchee and Nunavik, which took place on April 5, 2022. The project managers presented the highlights of the project and the potential impacts of climate change on MTQ infrastructure.

b. Mining the Connections 2022

COMEX Chairman Luc Lainé was invited to take part in the Mining the Connections conference to be held in Québec City from April 25 to 27, 2022. Mr. Lainé will talk about the mandate and operation of COMEX on April 25, at 10:30 a.m.

c. Annual Report 2021-2022

The Executive Secretary will update the factual information contained in the annual report. Luc Lainé will write the chairman’s message. Some topics that could be covered in the report were mentioned, in particular compensation for wetlands and bodies of water lost or affected by projects, the cumulative impacts of road transportation and climate change.

d. Letter from *Eau Secours*

The non-profit organization *Eau Secours* wrote to Benoît Dubreuil, Regional Director of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, expressing its concern about possible arsenic contamination on Galaxy Lithium (Canada)’s James Bay Lithium Mine site. The letter was copied to COMEX.

e. Projects on the agenda for the meetings in May and June:

- Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project
- Extension of forest access roads “H” and “I”
- James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium Inc.
- Bachelor Mine Project
- Extension of Route 167 to the Otish Mountains

6) Next meetings

COMEX will hold its next meeting by video conference on May 25, 2022.

A COMEX meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, either in Montréal or by video conference.

7) Meeting 403 B – held by video conference on May 3, at 9:00 a.m.
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, CEC

Ref. No.: 3214-14-053

- a)** Environmental and social impact assessment
- b)** Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- c)** Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- d)** Follow-up on public hearings - Questions and comments
- e)** Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- f)** Drafting of the review report
 - i)** For recommendation

A discussion was held to determine the next steps in completing the project review process and drafting the final report. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: March 23 to April 21, 2022					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, KWREC Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Follow-up on the public hearing – Questions from the community of Whapmagoostui	Sent: March 30, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: March 30, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Matthew Mukash KWREC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: March 31, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: March 31, 2022	
James Bay Lithium Mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Rébecca Pétrin <i>Eau Secours</i>	Benoît Dubreuil Regional Director IAAC	Letter	Sent: April 1, 2022	<i>For information</i>
Environmental monitoring program for the Troilus Mine, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	Jaqueline Leroux Troilus Gold	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Environmental and social monitoring report, 2021	Sent: March 31, 2022	
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 7, 2022 Received by COMEX: April 8, 2022	
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project – Permanent housing complex on the Eastmain-1 temporary workcamp site, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-10-017	Natalie Nicole Hydro-Québec	Sophie Cooper COMEX	PowerPoint presentation on Nadoshtin Residence	Sent: April 19, 2022 Received by COMEX: April 19, 2022	<i>For information</i>
Renard Diamond Project, Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-041	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Environmental discharge objective monitoring at the mine water treatment facility – 2017 to 2019 - Questions and comments	Sent: April 21, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt: April 22, 2022	