



la Convention
de la Baie James
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**Comité d'examen des répercussions
sur l'environnement et le milieu social**

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MINUTES 333-B

**WORK MEETING ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOREST ROADS IN H
SECTION WEST AND I SECTION**

(Adopted)

DATE: October 13, 2015 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Édifice Marie-Guyart
675 René-Lévesque Blvd. E
Room 29A

PRESENT: André Boisclair, Chairman, COMEX
Daniel Berrouard, COMEX
Robert Joly, COMEX
Alexis Deshaies –Envirocree
Roch Plusquellec – Matériaux Blanchet Inc.

BY TELEPHONE: Brian Craik, COMEX
Yan Bernard – Matériaux Blanchet inc.
Richard Gravel – Matériaux Blanchet Inc.

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

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1) MEETING DECLARED OPEN AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following agenda was proposed and adopted:

- Start of the meeting and adoption of the agenda;
- Introduction by the Review Committee Chairman;
- Introduction of the proponent;
- Announcement of public hearings;
- Procedures for the conduct of public hearing
- Dissemination of documentation prepared by the proponent.

2) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FROM THE REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The analysis by the Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) of the file on the *Construction of forest roads in H-Section West and Section I* was suspended on September 30, 2001 because discussions on the woodland caribou were then underway between the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune (MRNF) and the Cree Regional Authority. Our analysis was resumed at the request of the Provincial Administrator in a letter dated July 13, 2015 following the signing of an agreement between the governments of Québec and the Cree Nation on forestry in the James Bay territory

The analysis conducted by the Review Committee, in consultation with other departments and agencies, indicates that the documentation provided by Matériaux Blanchet Inc. may perhaps be considered complete once it provides answers to the questions sent on October 5, 2015, which will help properly inform the public about the project.

Note that the quality of the information provided by the proponent will ensure that the analysis of the file moves forward towards a recommendation. In addition, the proponent is invited to include in the documentation any information on public consultation efforts it has made.

2) ABOUT THE PROPONENT

The proponent has changed since the initial filing of the impact study. Now the project is being presented by Matériaux Blanchet Inc., which groups the forestry companies Scierie Landrienne, Tembec, Eacom Timber Corporation, Produits forestiers Résolus and Matériaux Blanchet. **However the Review Committee specifies that Matériaux Blanchet Inc. remains the prospective recipient of the certificate of authorization certificate and therefore all related legal obligations.**

The mandate to carry out preparations for the public hearing has been entrusted to the consulting firm Enviro-Cree, which conducted the impact study.

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3) ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Because Matériaux Blanchet Inc. has agreed to provide answers to questions before the public hearings, the hearings could take place in the afternoon and evening of December 8, 2015 in the Cree community of Waswanipi. The hearings will be announced via press release on November 6, 2015.

4) PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The plan for how the hearings will unfold is:

- Prayer by an Elder;
- Word of welcome by the Chief;
- Comments from the Chairman of the Review Committee;
- Presentation on the project by the proponent;
- Questions from the public and the Review Committee to clarify the project;
- Break;
- Questions and comments from the public.

The presentation on the project given by Matériaux Blanchet should last about 15 to 20 minutes. Inc It may be given in English.

The proponent will be able to display information on the project and provide documentation such as a summary of the proposed project to the public.

5) DISSEMINATION OF DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY THE PROPONENT

The Review Committee is committed to a public consultation process that is credible and transparent. Matériaux Blanchet Inc. has authorized COMEX to publish the various documents produced as part of the environmental assessment of the project on its website at: <http://comexqc.ca/en/fiches-de-projet/construction-chemins-daccés-forestiers-h-section-ouest-i/> Mr. Roch Plusquellec has signed a release form to this effect.

Finally, unless otherwise indicated, Mr. Plusquellec will be acting as spokesman for the proponent. The written submissions made to the public hearings will be posted on the COMEX website; statements made at the hearing will be recorded and posted.