

COMEX'S DECISIONS REGISTER 2016-2017							
Decision Number		Meeting	Project	Reference Number	Documents	Decision*	Type of decision
1	2016-0428-01	341	Langlois mining project	3214-14-026	Additional information on the life of the mine	<i>...to write to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the requested amendment to the certificate of authorization be authorized to extend mining operations for another eight years, with the four conditions stipulated above.</i>	Amend CA under conditions
2	2016-0602-01	342	Eleonore mining project	3214-14-042	Proponent's responses to questions and comments on the lake sturgeon monitoring program	<i>...to recommend that the Administrator approve the requested change to the lake sturgeon monitoring program.</i>	Amend CA
3	2016-0602-02	342	Eastmain-1-A/ Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	2015 master plan for redevelopment of affected sites	<i>...to recommend that the certificate of authorization be amended to allow the redevelopment work on affected sites in 2016, except for construction of the permanent residence.</i>	Amend CA
4	2016-0602-03	342	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Condition 14	<i>... to recommend that the wording of condition 14 be changed to read as follows:</i>  <i>"The proponent must submit an updated fish habitat compensation plan to the Administrator on October 1, 2016, for approval. The plan must take into account all fish habitat losses and be developed in consultation with experts at the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs. The compensation plan must also take into account the needs and concerns of Cree land users."</i>	Amend CA
5	2016-0602-04	342	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Condition 16	<i>...condition 16 of the certificate of authorization is met.</i>	Amend CA
6	2016-0602-05	342	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Request to amend the CA to allow training in drilling, blasting and milling	<i>... to recommend that the amendment to the certificate of authorization be approved on the following condition:</i> <i>: CONDITION 1.</i>  <i>"One month before Phase 1 begins, the proponent must submit to the Administrator, for information purposes, a progress report on actions, documents or any other stages in the process to satisfy conditions 7 to 11 and 17 to 19 of the comprehensive certificate of authorization. Should those conditions require follow-up/monitoring, the proponent must describe the planned transitional follow-up/monitoring measures in Phase I of the project, until mining operations officially begin."</i>	Amend CA under conditions
7	2016-0720-01	344	Forest road project L-209	3214-05-072	Document containing questions and comments	<i>...to send the questions and comments document to the Provincial Administrator and have the document translated into English. The French and English versions will be posted on the COMEX website.</i>	Relay of questions and comments

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8	2016-0720-02	344	Waswanipi municipal landfill	3214-16-068	Answers to questions	<i>...to send these two questions to the Provincial Administrator.</i>	Relay of questions and comments
9	2016-0720-03	344	Extension of Route 167-Nord by the MTQ	3214-05-077	Proponent's responses to questions and comments – fish habitat compensation program	<i>...to send these comments to the Provincial Administrator.</i>	Relay of comments
10	2016-0720-04	344	Extension of Route 167-Nord by the MTQ	3214-05-077	Proponent's responses to questions and comments – fish habitat compensation program	<i>...to send an official reply to the HFTCC explaining that, on the whole, COMEX is satisfied with the compensatory habitat monitoring program, but that it has taken note of the HFTCC's comments regarding the need to be clearer with the proponent about COMEX's expectations with respect to the principles that should underpin its consultations and the information to be included in the consultation report.</i>	Responses
11	2016-0720-05	344	Projet minier Troilus	3214-14-025	Planned establishment of a holding pond at discharge point PR-5 and 6 and relocation of PR-7 on the old mine site	<i>...to send the document containing the seven questions and comments to the Provincial Administrator.</i>	Relay of questions and comments
12	2016-0720-06	344	Troilus mining project	3214-14-025	Request to amend CA conditions 2, 3, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20	<i>...to send the Provincial Administrator the review document containing COMEX's recommendation regarding the new wording of conditions 2, 3, 7, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 20 as well as the Committee's comments regarding condition 16.</i>	Amend CA
13	2016-0720-07	344	Eastmain-1-A/ Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Construction of a spur dike and stabilization of a slope at the weir at KP 170 on Rupert River	<i>...to recommend that this change to the project be authorized with the under three conditions.</i>	Amend CA under conditions
14	2016-0929-01	346	Quarry CA-2 in Chisasibi	3214-03-99	Request to transfer the CA from SEBJ to Chisasibi Cree First Nation	<i>...to recommend to the Regional Administrator that the CA be transferred to Chisasibi. However, the Regional Administrator must inform the band council that, after the CA has been transferred, the band council will be bound by everything contained in the related documents and must request, as soon as possible, an amendment to the CA to change the operating period for the quarry.</i>	Transfert CA

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15	2016-0929-02	346	Eastmain-1-A/ Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	Request to amend the CA concerning management of spring flow release structures in the Lemare and Nemiscau rivers	<i>...to recommend to the Provincial Administrator that she not authorize the requested amendment at this time.</i>	Refusal to amend CA
16	2016-1027-01	347	Proponent's public consultations	N/A	COMEX expectations	<i>...to adopt the document entitled Consultations Conducted by the Proponent: Expectations of the Review Committee.</i>	Adoption of document
17	2016-1027-02	347	Proponent's public consultations	N/A	Action plan	<i>...to adopt the 2016-2017 Action Plan</i>	Adoption of document
18	2016-1130-01	348	INC.Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor lage property, Metanor Resources	3214-14-027	Responses and addenda to questions and comments – Request to amend the certificate of authorization to mine and process gold ore	<i>...to recommend that the Administrator authorize the project under some conditions.</i>	Amend CA under conditions
19	2017-0120-01	349	Extension of Route 167-Nord by the MTQ	3214-05-077	Monitoring report following completion of work at sites C2 and C3 – fish habitat compensation program	<i>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator informing her that the members of the COMEX had studied the monitoring report following work carried out at sites C2 and C3 and, after receiving some clarifications from the proponent, have no comments to make on this matter.</i>	Relay of correspondence
20	2017-0120-02	349	Extension of Route 167-Nord by the MTQ	3214-05-077	Environmental Monitoring Report - Report of the program for the decommissioning and restoration of sites affected by work on lots A and B	<i>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator informing her that the members of the COMEX had studied the environmental monitoring report - Report on the program for the decommissioning and restoration of sites affected by work on lots A and B, and have no comments.</i>	Relay of correspondence
21	2017-0120-03	349	Meeting with the CCQF	N/A	None	<i>...to send a letter of thanks to the CCQF for their presence and from now on organize statutory meetings between the COMEX and the CCQF in order to discuss their respective mandates more regularly, or when files are under review that would require the opinion of the CCQF.</i>	Relay of correspondence
22	2017-0120-04	349	Follow-up on 2016-2017 action plan : guidelines	N/A	None	<i>...that presentations on the mandate of COMEX and the environmental and social review process under the James Bay northern regime should be organized for different platforms such as upcoming congresses and meetings.</i>	Upcoming presentations

For more precision, please consult the report of the meeting.

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23	2017-0120-05	349	Follow-up on the MERN guides	N/A	None	<i>...To consult with members, and then to forward a letter to the Chairman of the JBACE relaying the concerns of the COMEX. Given the involvement of the JBACE in the development of modes of public participation in the James Bay territory, the COMEX would like to bring these documents to the attention of the JBACE and ask it to intervene, if necessary, with the MERN.</i>	Relay of correspondence
24	2017-0215-01	350	Langlois mining project	3214-14-026	2015 Annual environmental monitoring and follow-up report	<i>... to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator advising her that the members of the COMEX have reviewed the environmental monitoring and follow-up report and that on the whole, it meets the conditions contained in the CA. However, the COMEX wishes to obtain the analyses of the missing data, in the form of an addendum, on the groundwater quality as mentioned by the proponent, as and when available. In addition, the Committee wishes to be informed in the next 2016 annual report on the effectiveness of the new water treatment system as well as the measures taken to comply with the air quality criteria. Finally, the proponent must also present the results of its follow-up to assess the types and numbers of jobs created and the opportunities for advancement for Crees (Condition 6.3 of the CA).</i>	Relay of correspondence
25	2017-0215-02	350	Waswanipi municipal landfill	3214-16-068	Second series of responses to questions	<i>... to recommended to the Provincial Administrator that this project be authorized, with conditions (cc to Regional Administrator):</i>	Authorization of project with conditions
26	2017-0315-01	351	Further to the meeting with the representatives of the MFFP and the HFTCC	N/A	None	<i>...to send letters to the HFTCC and the MFFP thanking them for making time for these discussions on March 1, 2017.</i>	Relay of correspondence
27	2017-0315-02	351	Extension of Route 167-Nord by the MTQ	3214-05-077	Environmental monitoring report – responses to the questions and comments from the COMEX on the certificate of completion	<i>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator advising her that the COMEX has reviewed the expert report concerning the certificate of completion of the project by Stornoway Diamonds to construct a mining road and that the proponent should be asked to pay particular attention to sediment accumulation in its next monitoring report, in order to validate how the situation is trending. The COMEX recommends that the proponent be asked to continue monitoring at these locations to ensure that there is no escalation of the problem and to carry out corrective work where necessary to ensure that these culverts permit flow over the long term.</i>	Relay of correspondence

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28	2017-0315-03	351	Whabouchi mining project	3214-14-052	Atmospheric modeling	<p>...that a letter be sent to the Provincial Administrator recommending approval of the atmospheric modeling submitted by Nemaska Lithium Inc, because the measures currently proposed by the proponent are acceptable (frequent road watering, effective dust suppressants,) however the proponent must implement an air quality monitoring program to verify that standards are met. If the monitoring and follow-up program identifies possible exceedances, additional measures must be identified and implemented.</p> <p>In addition, as mentioned by the COMEX in its letter of January 10, the Committee notes that the proponent is behind schedule on the majority of the conditions for which monitoring is to be conducted. The terms of the environmental and social monitoring and follow-up program, as well as certain other documents, must still be filed with the Administrator for information and approval in accordance with the certificate of authorization issued on September 8, 2015.</p>	Relay of correspondence
29	2017-0315-04	351	Eastmain-1-A/ Rupert hydroelectric development project (Hydro-Québec)	3214-10-017	<p>2015 monitoring of Short-eared owl, Great grey owl and Bonaparte's gull – Environmental Monitoring in operational phase – Study Report, dated June 2016</p> <p>Application to amend the monitoring program – short-eared owl, great grey owl and Bonaparte's gull</p>	<p>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator informing her that the COMEX has reviewed the 2015 Monitoring Report of the Short-eared owl, Great grey owl and Bonaparte's gull. With respect to the short-eared owl, it would be appropriate to remind the proponent that all observations made during monitoring or other field work must be reported to the Centre de données sur le patrimoine naturel du Québec (Quebec Natural Heritage Data Center.) Concerning the request to amend the CA regarding the cancellation of the last year of monitoring of the nesting platforms of the great grey owl, the COMEX recommends that the proponent's request be met.</p>	Amend CA

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30	2017-0315-05	351	Troilus mining project	3214-14-025	<p>2015 post-closure environmental monitoring and inspection report</p> <p>Project to construct a retention basin at discharge point PR-5 and 6 and to relocate PR-7 at the former Troilus mine site</p>	<p>...to send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the CA be amended to allow for the construction of a retention pond at discharge point PR-5 and 6 and the relocation of PR-7, while reminding the proponent that it must make every effort to reduce the impact on the peat bog to a minimum. Monitoring the effectiveness of the new retention pond must therefore be included in the environmental monitoring of the mine site in 2017.</p>	Amend CA