



PN1 – Preliminary information

Project title: Development of an area adjacent to the SDBJ quarry at kilometre 454 of the Billy-Diamond Highway
Proponent's name: Eurovia Québec Construction inc.

PREAMBLE

The James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA), by its sections 22 and 23, establishes an environmental and social protection regime in the James Bay and Northern Québec regions. Depending on the type of project, some aspects of these chapters may fall under the responsibility of the Government of Québec or the Government of Canada, or both levels of government. Some projects may also fall under the responsibility of the [Cree Nation Government](#), notably for projects conducted on Category IA lands in the James Bay region.

[Title II of the Environmental Quality Act](#) (EQA) presents the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedures applicable in the James Bay region (section 133 of the EQA) and in Northern Québec (section 168 of the EQA). The projects set out in Schedule A of the EQA are subject to one of the procedures applicable in the northern environment, whereas those listed in Schedule B are exempt from the procedures. Projects not mentioned in either schedule are considered “grey zone” projects.

Anyone who intends to undertake a project in a northern environment covered by Schedule A of the EQA must apply for a certificate of authorization. For “grey zone” projects, a proponent must request an attestation of exemption. After the relevant northern committee has reviewed the project, the Provincial Administrator will inform the proponent whether the project is exempt from the [Environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure](#) or subject to it. In the first case, an attestation of exemption will be issued to the proponent for the project. In the second case, a directive will be prepared and sent to the proponent, specifying the nature, scope and extent of the impact study that must be prepared. Therefore, except for the projects listed in Schedule B, a proponent must file a preliminary information form with the Provincial Administrator of the sections 22 and 23 of the JBNQA, namely the Deputy Minister of MELCCFP.

If necessary, you may confirm whether your project falls under an activity listed in schedules A and B of the EQA, or in a grey zone, by emailing a request for verification. Please include a brief description of your project, its location and anticipated impacts at the following address: dgees-assujettissement@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

The preliminary information form is used to describe the general characteristics of the project and its main issues. It must be completed clearly and concisely, and the information provided should be limited to what is necessary to understand the project, its anticipated impacts, and any possible ramifications. In accordance with the EQA, the form must be submitted to the Environmental and Social Impact Evaluating Committee (COMEY, James Bay, south of the 55th parallel) or to Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC, Northern Québec/Nunavik, north of the 55th parallel). These committees review the preliminary information and then issue recommendations or a decision as to whether the project is subject to the procedure or, for projects listed in Schedule A, on the directive specifying the nature, scope, and extent of the impact study the proponent must prepare. The Provincial Administrator then shares this information with the proponent.

The Environmental and Social Impact Evaluating Committee is a tripartite advisory body composed of representatives appointed by the Cree Nation Government and representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of Québec. The Kativik Environmental Quality Commission is a bipartite body of representatives appointed by the Kativik Regional Government and representatives of the Government of Québec. While performing their duties, both bodies pay particular attention to the following principles, which are outlined in sections 152 and 186 of the EQA:

- a) the protection of the hunting, fishing and trapping rights of the Native people;
- b) the protection of the environment and social milieu;
- c) the protection of the Native people, of their societies, communities and economy;
- d) the protection of the wildlife, of the physical and biological milieu and of the ecological systems of the territory;
- e) the rights and guarantees of the Native people in Category II lands;
- f) the participation of the Crees, Inuit and Naskapis in the application of the environmental and social protection regime provided for in this division;
- g) any rights and interest of non-Native people; and
- h) the right of the persons acting lawfully to carry out projects in the territory.

Please note that the preliminary information form will be published in the [Environmental Assessment Register](#) (in French only) as outlined in section 118.5.0.1 of the EQA, but only for projects for which a directive will be issued. The [COMEY](#) and [KEQC](#) also publish preliminary information forms on their websites.

In accordance with section 36 of the [Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact](#), the applicant must submit a “Declaration of antecedents”. Please note that such a declaration is not required for a legal person established in the public interest.

The form is available at the following website:

<https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/evaluations/publicat.htm> (in French only).

The preliminary information form must be accompanied by the payment specified in the fee schedule for environmental authorization requests. Details of the applicable fees are available at the following website (under *Procédure d'évaluation environnementale / Milieu nordique*):

<https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/tarification/ministere.htm> (in French only). Payments must be made to the ministre des Finances according to the procedures outlined at the following website:

<https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/evaluations/tarification.htm> (in French only). Please note that the Ministry will not process the application until payment has been received.

Submission guidelines:

- Documents must be accompanied by a cover letter addressed to the Provincial Administrator for Sections 22 and 23 of the JBNQA. This letter must confirm that the paper versions are consistent with the electronic versions.

Mr. Frédéric Guay
Provincial Administrator for Sections 22 and 23 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
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- All documents (including the cover letter) must be submitted in both French and English.

- All documents must be submitted in electronic and paper format:

- Electronic version: Send to administrateur.provincial@environnement.gouv.qc.ca. If the electronic files are very large (over 50 MB), contact the email address above and a secure link will be provided for you to upload your documents via the ShareFile platform. This link will be valid for seven days. In the email sent to the Provincial Administrator, indicate that the electronic files (documents and cover letter) will be submitted via the ShareFile platform of the Direction générale de l'évaluation environnementale et stratégique.

- Hard copies: Send to the following address, according to the number of copies indicated.

Direction générale de l'évaluation environnementale et stratégique
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs
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- Number of hard copies:

Projects south of the 55th parallel (James Bay)

Environmental and Social Impact Evaluating Committee (COMEY)
Three (3) hard copies: two (2) in French and one (1) in English

Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX)
Three (3) hard copies: two (2) in French and one (1) in English

Projects north of the 55th parallel (Northern Quebec/Nunavik)

Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC)
Five (5) hard copies: three (3) in French and two (2) in English

For any questions, please contact administrateur.provincial@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

1. PROPONENT’S IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION	
1.1 Identification of the proponent (professional contact information)	
Name: Eurovia Québec Construction inc.	
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Mailing address (if different from civic address):	
Name and function of the signatory(ies) authorized to submit the application: Sébastien Paul, Director of Outaouais Agence	
Telephone: 819 457-4709	Telephone (other): 819 664-8480
Email: sebastien.paul@euroviaqc.ca	
<i>The proponent's name in section 1.1 must match the name indicated at the top of page 1 of this form. This name will also appear on any authorizations issued and in all communications related to the file.</i>	
1.2 Company number	
Québec enterprise number (NEQ): 1169491884	
1.3 Resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or responsible body	
<i>If the proponent is a municipality, the preliminary information must include the duly certified resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or responsible organization authorizing the signatory or signatories to submit the application. Add a copy of the resolution to appendix I.</i>	
1.4 Identification of the consultant mandated by the proponent (if applicable)	
Name: Le groupe Desfor	
Civic address: 1689, rue du Marais, local 300, Québec, Québec, G1M 0A2	
Mailing address (if different from civic address):	
Telephone: 418 660-2037	Telephone (other): -
Email: clovis.dery@desfor.com	
Description of mandate: Le groupe Desfor has been mandated to assist Eurovia Québec Construction inc. in the preparation of certain permit and authorization applications required for maintenance work between km 460 and km 538 of the Billy-Diamond Highway.	

For questions 2 to 7, make sure not to write any confidential personal information.

2. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT	
2.1 Project title	
<i>Project of ... (construction/extension/development/ etc.) of ... (installation/equipment/factory/etc.) in the territory of ... (municipality/northern village/community)</i>	
Development of an area adjacent to the SDBJ quarry at kilometre 454 of the Billy-Diamond Highway within the territory of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government.	
2.2 Triggering provision	
<i>To determine whether your project is subject to the procedure, indicate which paragraph of Schedule A of the Environment Quality Act you believe applies to your project and explain the reason (e.g., threshold reached). If your project is not listed in Schedule A or Schedule B of the Environment Quality Act, it is considered a grey zone project. If this is the case, please indicate it here.</i>	
The project to develop an adjacent area to the quarry at km 454 includes crushing and screening operations, aggregate stockpiling, and the operation of a mobile asphalt concrete plant.	
According to Schedule A, the operation of a quarry with an area of 3 hectares or more is an activity automatically subject to the assessment and review procedure. The operation of the mobile crushing and screening unit, as well as the stockpiling of aggregates and topsoil, will result in the total area of the quarry exceeding 3 hectares.	

As for the operation of the mobile asphalt concrete plant, this activity is not listed in either Schedule A or Schedule B. It falls into a grey zone.

2.3 Brief description of the project and alternatives <i>Briefly describe the project (length, width, quantity, voltage, surface, etc.). For each phase (development, construction, operation and, where applicable, closure and restoration), provide a short description of the main characteristics of each project alternative, including planned activities, works, and construction elements (deforestation, expropriation, blasting, backfilling, etc.)</i> The Société de développement de la Baie-James (SDBJ) plans to rehabilitate the road surface and replace culverts and guardrails between km 460 and km 538 of the Billy-Diamond Highway. The SDBJ has granted a contract to Eurovia Québec Construction inc. to carry out this work. To this end, the SDBJ has made a quarry near km 454 available to Eurovia Québec Construction inc. In February 2023, the SDBJ filed a verification of exemption for the opening of new quarries, including the quarry located at km 454 of the Billy-Diamond Highway as part of the <i>Billy-Diamond Highway and Chisasibi road maintenance and rehabilitation work 2023/2024 Project</i>. On July 2, 2024, the SDBJ obtained an attestation of exemption for the project, which included an exemption for the opening and operation of the quarry at km 454 and the use of an asphalt concrete plant on-site (N/Ref: 3214-05-081). The supply of granular materials is required to carry out the planned work. Eurovia Québec Construction inc. wishes to use an area adjacent to the km 454 quarry. The 11.03-hectare area will be used for the duration of the work to accommodate the following components: • a mobile asphalt concrete plant • areas for the temporary storage of granular construction materials, including MG20, MG112, and granular materials in the 2.5–5, 0–5, 5–10, and 10–14 mm size ranges • a storage area for topsoil removed during excavation; • a scale at the entrance to the road; • 8-foot by 40-foot containers; • an access road approximately 1 079 m long to be constructed, which will require tree clearing and backfilling; • an area for a mobile crushing and screening unit. The duration of quarry operations and use of the adjacent area is estimated at 2 years. The adjacent area covered by this application for exemption was selected to be adjacent to the quarry and to comply with the buffer distances applicable to surrounding wetlands and hydric environments, based on available data. The impact of the adjacent area is limited due to its contiguity with the quarry at km 454. The first phase will consist of constructing the access road and preparing the site to accommodate the listed components. The topsoil will be stripped from the area and stockpiled in a designated zone. The exposed loose soil will be used to develop the work areas. At the end of operations, the area will be rehabilitated and restored using the topsoil removed from the site, which will be replaced to promote the site's natural regeneration. <i>If applicable, include in Appendix II any documents that help clarify the project's characteristics (diagram, sketch, cross-section, etc.).</i> A general location map and a location plan of the area adjacent to the quarry at km 454 are attached to this application.
2.4 Objectives and justification of the project <i>Describe the main objectives and highlight the reasons for implementing the project.</i> To carry out the contracted work on the Billy-Diamond Highway between km 460 and km 538, the SDBJ has made a quarry near km 454 available to Eurovia Québec Construction inc. The initial area of the quarry is sufficient for extraction activities, but it does not allow for crushing, screening, aggregate stockpiling, or the operation of the mobile asphalt concrete plant. In fact, the area made available by the SDBJ is limited and offers little space. The terrain at the quarry site is rugged, and the site's area is insufficient to accommodate all the components for the quarry's efficient operation. To ensure sufficient space is available, an additional area adjacent to the quarry is necessary to accommodate the components listed above.

2.5 Related activities
<i>If applicable, summarize any related planned activities (e.g., road access, crushing or milling, installation of a cofferdam, stream diversion, camp) and any other projects that may influence the project design.</i>
An access road will be required to reach the site. Its construction will involve tree / brush clearing, as well as earthwork such as backfilling. A scale will be installed at the entrance of the road to weigh trucks.
A mobile asphalt concrete plant will be set up on the site to meet demand. Its location was chosen to minimize the transport of produced aggregates, as it is close to the storage areas for aggregates produced by the quarry and crushing and screening operations.
A mobile crushing and screening unit will be installed on the site.

3. PROJECT LOCATION AND SCHEDULE
3.1 Identification and location of the project and its activities
<i>Name of the municipality, northern village, or community where the project is located (indicate if the project affects more than one):</i>
Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government, near km 454 of the Billy-Diamond Highway.
<i>Land category (I, II or III):</i> Category III Lands
<i>Geographical coordinates in decimal degrees of the project's central point (for linear projects, provide the coordinates of the project start and end points):</i>
Project central point or start point: Latitude: 52.6768°N Longitude: 77.3842°O
Project end point (if applicable): Latitude: Longitude:
3.2 Description of the project site

Describe the main components of the physical, biological, and human environments that may be affected by the project, focusing on elements considered to have scientific, social, cultural, economic, historical, archaeological, or aesthetic importance (valued environmental components). When applicable, indicate the land ownership status of the project areas, along with the site's main characteristics, such as zoning, available space, sensitive areas, types of wetlands or bodies of water, compatibility with current land uses, availability of services, topography, presence of buildings, land use, and occupation by Indigenous groups.

Physical Environment

The area covered by the application for exemption is located in the Superior Geological Province, within the La Grande Geological Subprovince. The bedrock in the area dates back to the Archean era. It is dominated by *gneissic tonalite, locally granodioritic*.

From a topographic perspective, the site's terrain is varied, given its proximity to the rocky outcrop of the km 454 quarry.

Regarding surface deposits, the area is partly located on a glacial deposit (till) and partly on bedrock. The Billy-Diamond Highway runs closest to the site at approximately 40 m and averages 200 m from it.

In terms of hydrography, lakes and watercourses are present in the area. A 30-metre buffer zone has been maintained around these environments.

Biological Environment

The area is located within the lichen spruce forest bioclimatic zone of the open boreal forest vegetation subzone. The vegetation of this bioclimatic zone is characterized by low forest cover density and a high proportion of black spruce.

According to the vegetation of northern Québec data, the vegetation found in the area consists of young coniferous stands with deciduous shrubs, lichens, or mosses of low-density (10 to 40%) resulting from a total burn. Forest fires are the primary natural disturbances in the area. The last forest fire was recorded in 2013 in the study area.

Protected areas are present in the sector. A proposed biodiversity reserve and a territorial reserve for protected area purposes have been identified by the MELCCFP. The proposed Paakumshumwaau-Maatuskaau biodiversity reserve is located approximately 3 km to the north. The Namewaakamiishtikw-Piskuchitishu-Siipii territorial reserve for protected area purposes is located approximately 14 km southwest of the target area.

According to MELCCFP wetlands data, no wetlands are located within 300 m of the site. According to the Québec Hydrographic Network Geobase (GRHQ), the nearest watercourse is approximately 120 m north of the area.

According to the wetlands and hydric environments identified in the exemption application submitted by the SDBJ (WSP, 2023, MELCCFP N/Ref: **3214-05-081**), wetlands have been identified near the adjacent area. A 30-metre buffer zone has been applied to the identified environments.

The study area is located within an area of occurrence for caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*, forest ecotype) according to the Centre de données sur le patrimoine naturel du Québec (CDPNQ).

No other occurrences of species with vulnerable status are present within a 500-metre radius of the approximate geographic center of the area for which an attestation of exemption is requested, according to the CDPNQ.

Human Environment

The proposed adjacent area is located on Category III Lands, within the Nord-du-Québec administrative region on the territory of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government.

The Billy-Diamond Highway runs closest to the area at approximately 40 m and averages 200 m from it. This road is important because it connects several communities. It is also of economic importance, given the various uses and activities that result from its use.

No buildings are present within 750 m of the study area, according to available aerial imagery. In fact, the nearest building is approximately 775 m northeast of the area.

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3.3 Project schedule

Provide the project's implementation schedule (expected timeframe and estimated duration of each project phase), taking into account the time required to prepare the impact study, if applicable, as well as the progress of the environmental assessment procedure and of the issuance of all other required authorizations (e.g., ministerial authorization under section 22 of the EQA).

Work on the quarry at km 454 and on the adjacent area covered by this application for exemption will be carried out from spring 2026 through fall 2027.

3.4 Location plan

Include in Appendix III a topographic or cadastral map showing the project location and, if applicable, a site plan at an appropriate scale for the location of the proposed works or activities, indicating any existing infrastructure and its relation to the proposed work site. If available, also provide the shapefiles (no screenshots).

A location plan is available in appendix.

4. INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND LAND USERS¹

4.1 Information and consultation activities carried out

Describe the terms and conditions relating to the public information and consultation activities carried out as part of the project design (methods used, number of participants and represented areas). This should include consultations with local populations, including the Cree, Inuit and Naskapi, as well as land users. Indicate the concerns raised by the public and whether these concerns were taken into consideration in the project design.

At this time, no letter of intent has been sent to neighboring communities regarding the project that is the subject of this application for exemption.

A notice of compliance with municipal regulations was requested from the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government (GREIBJ) on March 3, 2026.

An application for a land use lease was submitted to the ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts on March 12, 2026, to request occupancy of the site (lease) for a period of two years. The application is currently under review by the Ministry.

4.2 Information and consultation activities planned during the environmental and social impact assessment procedure

If applicable, describe the terms and conditions for public information and consultation activities during the environmental and social impact assessment process, including those planned for Indigenous communities and land users affected by the project.

No public information events are currently planned.

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN ISSUES² AND IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT ON THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Description of the main issues of the project

¹ The proponent is encouraged to refer to the *Guide on the information and consultation process carried out with Aboriginal communities by the proponent of a project subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure*, available on the Ministry's website at the following address: <https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/evaluations/documents/guide-demarche-autochtones-initiateur-projet-en.pdf>.

² **Issue:** A significant concern for the government, the scientific community, or the population, including the affected Indigenous communities, and whose analysis could influence the recommendations or decisions of the northern committees regarding the authorization or refusal of a project.

For the development, construction, and operation phases, and, where applicable, closure and restoration, briefly describe the project's main issues.

The environmental impacts associated with the project are minimal, as the site was selected to be adjacent to the quarry at km 454 and to comply with buffer zones around surrounding wetlands and hydric environments, according to available data.

Prior to site preparation work (clearing, brush clearing, and stripping), Eurovia Québec Construction inc. will verify on-site that no wetlands or hydric environments are present on the site. Should such a finding be made on-site, Eurovia Québec Construction inc. will take the necessary precautions and measures to comply with applicable buffer zones, in accordance with current regulations.

Issues related to the human environment concern the occupation and use of the land by neighboring communities. The area was selected to remain distant from any residences.

The transport of granular construction materials also poses a safety concern. The site was selected to be adjacent to the quarry at km 454 made available by the SDBJ for the work: the transport of materials will therefore be primarily limited to these areas. The transport of aggregates on the Billy-Diamond Highway is also a safety concern. The only quarry made available to Eurovia by the SDBJ to carry out the contract work is the quarry at km 454.

5.2 Description of the main anticipated impacts of the project on the receiving environment

For the development, construction, and operation phases and, where applicable, closure and restoration, briefly describe the project's anticipated impacts on the receiving environment (physical, biological, and human). If applicable, briefly present the planned mitigation measures as well as the demonstration of compliance with the avoid-minimize approach (wetland, bodies of water, natural environment, etc.).

For a "grey zone" project, provide sufficient information to assess its environmental and social impacts to determine whether it should be subjected to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure. If applicable, briefly present the planned mitigation measures as well as the demonstration of compliance with the avoid-minimize approach (wetland, bodies of water, natural environment, etc.).

Wetlands and Hydric Environments

A 30-metre buffer zone has been maintained from the permanent watercourse to the north. According to data from the MELCCFP, there are no wetlands near the study site.

A 30-metre buffer zone has been applied to the wetlands and hydric environments identified by the SDBJ in the application for exemption for the *Billy-Diamond Highway and Chisasibi road maintenance and rehabilitation work 2023/2024 Project* (WSP, 2023, MELCCFP N/Ref: **3214-05-081**). The boundaries of these identified areas are approximately shown on the map in Appendix III, based on the "Nouvelle carrière – Route Billy-Diamond, km 454" map attached to the SDBJ's preliminary information form.

As for the required access road, it will be constructed outside wetlands and hydric environments.

Surface and Groundwater Management

The site will be developed to accommodate the components identified above, with the loose soil deposit exposed. Work will be carried out above the water table. If necessary, a surface water collection basin will be developed on the site.

To prevent the accidental release of contaminated substances (e.g., oil spills) into the environment, the contractor responsible for site operations will be required to keep an oil spill response kit on hand at all times, and its staff will be required to have the necessary training to respond quickly and effectively.

Air Emissions

Certain activities may result in dust emissions into the atmosphere:

- crushing;
- screening;
- stockpiling;
- material transport.

To control dust that may be emitted along the access road, a dust suppressant such as water from the surface water collection basin or calcium chloride meeting the BNQ 2410-300 standard may be used.

Noise

In accordance with section 24 of the Regulation respecting sand pits and quarries, noise emitted from a quarry, represented by the referenced noise level obtained at the dwelling or public institution, will not exceed, for any 1-hour interval, the highest of the following sound levels:

1. The residual noise;
2. 40 dBA between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and 45 dBA between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Vibration

No blasting activities are planned in the adjacent area covered by this application for exemption.

Potential Habitat and Species of Special Concern

Aside from the fact that the area is located within an area of occurrence for caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*, forest ecotype), no other occurrences of species of special concern are present in the locality of the area covered by the application for exemption, according to the CDPNQ.

6. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION

6.1 Greenhouse gas emission

Indicate whether the project is likely to result in the emission of greenhouse gases and, if so, specify which gases. Briefly describe the main sources of projected emissions for each phase of the project.

Greenhouse gases will be emitted from various sources as part of the project to develop an adjacent area to the SDBJ quarry at km 454.

The equipment used that runs on fossil fuels includes the following:

- pickup truck;
- brush cutter;
- loader;
- excavator;
- crusher;
- screen;
- off-road truck;
- other types of transport.

This equipment, necessary for the activities, runs on fossil fuels (diesel, gasoline), inevitably leading to the production of greenhouse gases.

The area used and the reduced distance from the km 454 quarry site will help minimize the greenhouse gases generated.

7. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

7.1 Other relevant information

Enter any other information deemed necessary for a better understanding of the project.

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8. DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

8.1 Declaration and signature

I certify that:

- 1° the documents and information provided in this preliminary information form are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Any misrepresentation may result in sanctions under the EQA. All information provided will form an integral part of the application and will be published on the websites of the Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEV) or the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC), as well as in the Environmental assessment registry.

First and last name

Sébastien Paul

Signature



Date

16 mars 2026

Appendix I

Resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or responsible body

WARNING.

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If applicable, insert below the duly certified resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village or responsible body authorizing the signatory(ies) to submit this application.

Appendix I – Resolution of Eurovia Québec Construction inc.

**EXTRAIT DU REGISTRE DE PROCÈS-VERBAUX ET DE RÉOLUTIONS DE
« EUROVIA QUÉBEC CONSTRUCTION INC. »**

PRISES D’AFFAIRES – SOUMISSIONS

ATTENDU QUE, dans le cours normal de ses affaires, la Société doit régulièrement fournir à des tiers un extrait de résolution autorisant l'un de ses employés à signer des documents liés à un appel d’offres, au dépôt d’une soumission ou aux autres affaires courantes de la Société;

ATTENDU QUE la Société désire clarifier et préciser les mandats octroyés à certains de ses employés;

IL EST RÉSOLU:

QUE les personnes ci-après nommées soient autorisées à rédiger, signer et/ou transmettre, au nom de la Société, tout contrat, soumission ou autre document se rapportant aux affaires courantes :

- Xavier ROESCH, Vice-président Régional de l’Ouest du Québec
- Sébastien PAUL, Directeur d’agence Outaouais
- Gabriel SÉGUIN, Directeur Opérations

COPIE CERTIFIÉE CONFORME d'une résolution de
«EUROVIA QUÉBEC CONSTRUCTION INC.»
adoptée le 05 janvier 2026,
laquelle est toujours en vigueur.

BROSSARD, QUÉBEC, le _____

EUROVIA QUÉBEC CONSTRUCTION INC. par :



Gabriel DUCHESNE, Secrétaire-trésorier adjoint

Appendix II
Project characteristics

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If applicable, insert documents below that help illustrate the project's characteristics (e.g., diagram, sketch, cross-section).

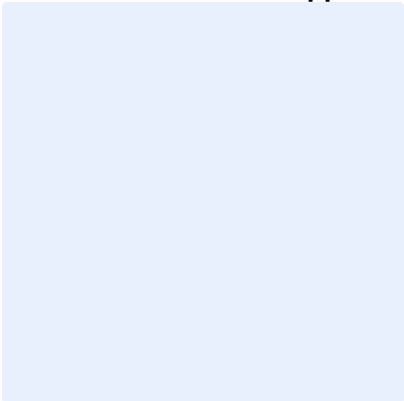
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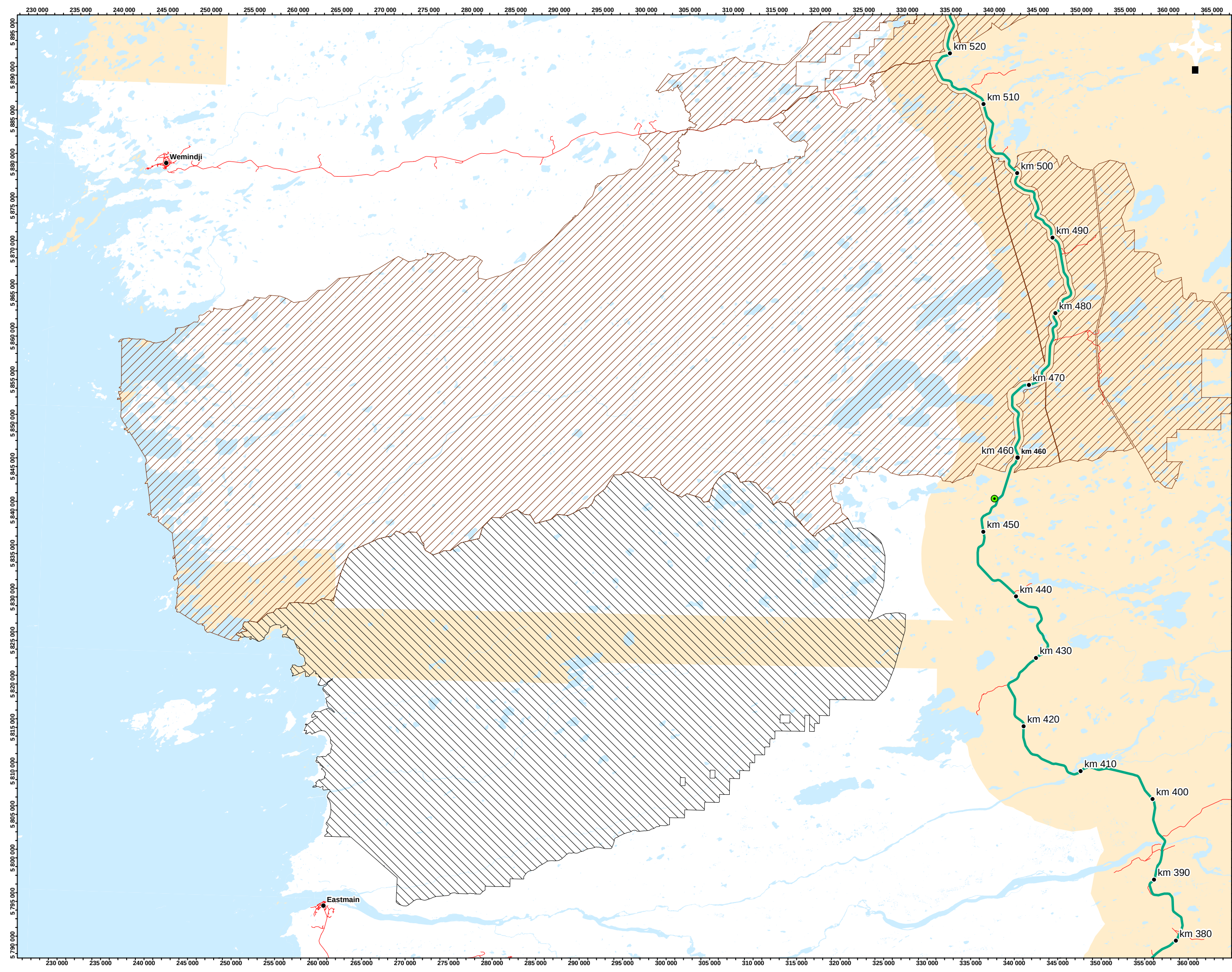
Appendix III
Location plan

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Insert a topographic or cadastral map showing the location of the project and, if applicable, a site plan at an appropriate scale indicating the planned works or activities and the existing infrastructure in relation to the work site.

Appendix III – General Location Map and Location Plan





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LOCATION MAP

Application for Exemption

General Location



- Location of the requested area
- Kilometre marker
- Existing road network
- Billy-Diamond Highway
- Waterbodies
- Category III Lands
- Register of protected areas :
 - Proposed biodiversity reserve
 - Territorial reserve for protected area purposes
 - Other protected areas

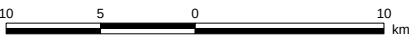
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NOTES

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- Map prepared for the purpose of an application for exemption.

SOURCES

- Waterbodies, Natural Resources Canada.
- Requested area, Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.
- Existing road network (AQ réseau +), MRNF.
- Kilometre marker, MTMD.
- Register of protected areas, MELCCFP.
- Category III Lands, Gestim, MRNF.



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Coordinate system : NAD 1983 MTM 9

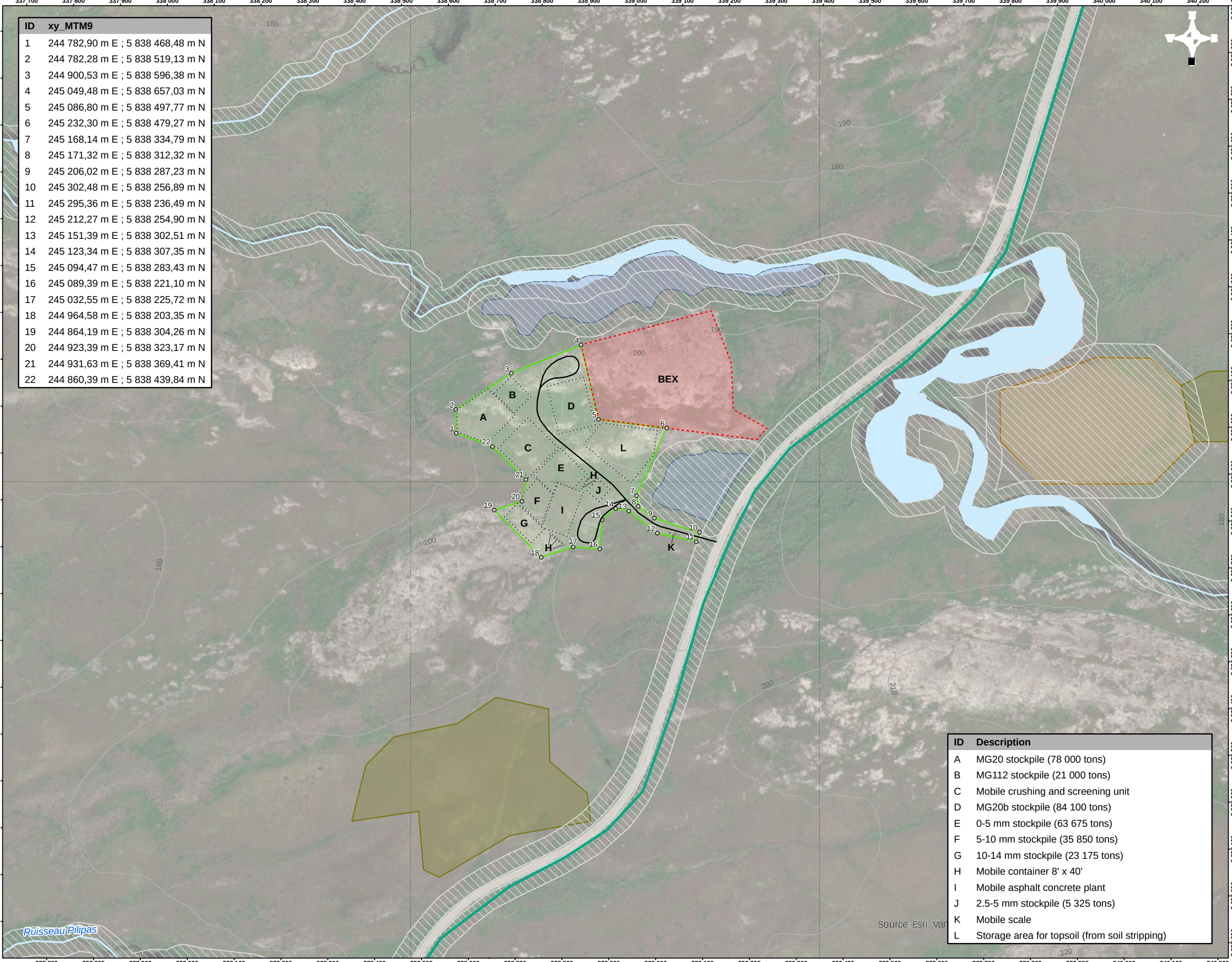
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21	244 931,63 m E ; 5 838 369,41 m N
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ID	Description
A	MG20 stockpile (78 000 tons)
B	MG112 stockpile (21 000 tons)
C	Mobile crushing and screening unit
D	MG20b stockpile (84 100 tons)
E	0-5 mm stockpile (63 675 tons)
F	5-10 mm stockpile (35 850 tons)
G	10-14 mm stockpile (23 175 tons)
H	Mobile container 8' x 40'
I	Mobile asphalt concrete plant
J	2.5-5 mm stockpile (5 325 tons)
K	Mobile scale
L	Storage area for topsoil (from soil stripping)



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LOCATION PLAN

Application for Exemption

Development of an area adjacent to the SDBJ quarry at kilometre 454 of the Billy-Diamond Highway



- Kilometre marker
- Vertex of the requested area (NAD83 / MTM 9)
- Contour lines 10 m (Canvec)
- Planned access road to be built
- Existing road network
- Billy-Diamond Highway
- Watercourses
- Waterbodies
- Approximate projected components
 - Requested area (± 110 320 m²)
 - Exclusive lease for the SDBJ quarry at km 454 (Gestim)
- Restricted zones
- Approximate boundaries of the wetlands identified and based on the SDBJ's application for exemption (N/Ref 3214-05-081)
- Potential wetlands :
 - Wooded peat bog
 - Open peat bog
 - Other wetlands

Format : 11" x 17"

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- Map prepared for the purpose of an application for exemption.
- The locations of the components are approximate and will be finalized on-site.
- The boundaries of the wetlands identified in the SDBJ's application for exemption are approximate (N/Ref 3214-05-081).

SOURCES

- Watercourses & waterbodies, Géobase du réseau hydrographique du Québec, MRNF.
- Requested area and components, Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.
- Existing road network (AQ réseau +), MRNF.
- Kilometre marker, MTMD.
- Potential wetlands, MELCCFP.
- Wetlands identified & based on the SDBJ's application for exemption (approx.), WSP.
- Contour lines, CanVec, Ressources naturelles Canada.
- Exclusive lease for the km 454 quarry, Gestim, MRNF.
- Aerial imagery, ESRI.



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