



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 272ND MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE (COMEV)**

(Adopted)

DATE: February 15, 2017

PLACE: via Conference Call

PRESENT: Daniel Berrouard, Chairman, Québec
Kambale Katahwa, Vice-Chairman, Canada
Louis Breton, Canada
Stéphane Cossette, Québec
John Paul Murdoch, Cree Nation Government

Marie-Michèle Tessier, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Brian Craik, Cree Nation Government

1) MEETING DECLARED OPEN AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written

2) FENELON MINE PROJECT BY WALLBRIDGE MINING COMPANY LIMITED

- Preliminary information and application for exemption
- *For decision on whether the project can be exempted from the assessment process, or recommendation on the scope of the impact assessment*

The COMEV received the preliminary information on this project on December 14, 2016, and an application for exemption for the dewatering of the mine installations on January 31, 2017.

The project involves the underground mining, using a 100 m depth ramp, of 97,600 tonnes of gold ore at a rate of 300 metric tonnes per day. The ore will not be processed on-site, but will be trucked to a plant in Abitibi. The proponent intends to ship the ore to the Camflo mill at Richmond Mines in Malartic. The life of the mine is estimated to be between 9 and 12 months.

The application for exemption involves exploration work to extend the life of the mine by carrying out preparatory work such as expansion of the polishing pond, pit dewatering, rehabilitation of pit slopes as well as the ramp, etc.

After reviewing the information submitted by the proponent, the COMEV will forward to the Provincial Administrator its recommendation on the scope of the environmental and social impact assessment to be conducted by the proponent, with emphasis on aspects such as project description, water quality, woodland caribou and consultation with land users. The proponent's two applications (operation and dewatering of the pit) should be treated as one project by the proponent.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator advising her to forward the impact assessment directive for the Fenelon mine project.

3) OPERATION OF A QUARRY OF LESS THAN THREE HECTARES AT KM 298 OF THE ROUTE DU NORD BY THE SOCIÉTÉ D'ÉNERGIE DE LA BAIE-JAMES

a) Preliminary information

- *For recommendation on whether the project can be exempted from the assessment process*

The Société d'énergie de la Baie-James (SEBJ) sent the preliminary information on this project to the COMEV on December 21, 2016.

The SEBJ plans to operate a quarry of less than three hectares on Category III lands to repair the airstrip at Nemiscau Airfield. The quarry is slated to open in 2017. \

After reviewing the information on this project, the COMEV recommends that it can be exempted from the environmental and social impacts assessment procedure.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the project be exempted.

4) VARIA

The COMEV has been informed that it will soon receive an application for exemption for a proposed loading dock at Chibougamau. The project would involve the clearing of some land and the addition of a section of railway track to allow for the loading of train cars. The COMEV will therefore have to study this project in the near future.

5) DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 21.

Appendix I
Correspondence and follow-up – January 18 to February 15, 2017

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Operation of a quarry/gravel pit/sandpit for road maintenance in the Matagami area by Blais & Langlois Inc. 3214-03-036	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV		Rec'd: November 18 2016	-	- Awaiting responses from proponent
	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Additional questions	Sent: January 17 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 18 2017 Copy of correspondence to proponent: January 25 2017		
Fenelon mine project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited 3214-14-038	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: December 16 2016	-	- for recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or to decide on the scope of the impact assessment
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: January 31 2017		

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Mineral exploration (stripping and trenching) by Opinaca Mines Ltd 3214-14-042	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: December 14 2016	-	<i>- Awaiting responses from proponent</i>
	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Additional questions	Sent: January 17 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: January 18 2017 Copy of correspondence to proponent: January 25 2017		
Rose Lithium – Tantalum mine by Critical Elements Corporation 3214-14-053	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: December 16 2016	-	<i>- File closed</i>
	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Transmittal of directive on the impact assessment	Sent: January 31 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 1 2017		
Operation of a quarry of less than 3 hectares at km 298 on Route du Nord by the SEBJ 3214-03-032	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEX	Transmittal of preliminary information – Application for exemption	Rec'd: December 21 2016		<i>- for recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or to decide on the scope of the impact assessment</i>