



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
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**MINUTES OF THE 273RD MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE (COMEV)**

ADOPTED

DATE: March 21, 2017

PLACE: via Conference Call

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

1) MEETING DECLARED OPEN AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 271ST AND 272ND MEETINGS

The minutes were adopted as written.

3) PROJECT – OPERATION OF THREE BORROW PITS (BB-05, BB-06, BB-07) OF LESS THAN 3 HECTARES BY NEMASKA LITHIUM INC.

- a) Withdrawal of application from the Provincial Administrator
- *For information*

On March 9, 2017, the COMEV received a letter from the Provincial Administrator reporting that the application had been withdrawn and that the project will be handled via an application to amend the global certificate of authorization issued September 8, 2015 as part of the Whabouchi mine project. The file with the COMEV is therefore closed.

4) CHIBOUGAMAU INTERMODAL LOGISTICS CENTRE PROJECT -- VILLE DE CHIBOUGAMAU

- a) Preliminary information
- *For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or the scope of the impact assessment to be carried out*

The COMEV received the preliminary information on the above project on March 8, 2017.

This project involves a plan by the Ville de Chibougamau to establish the Chibougamau intermodal logistics center (CLIC), which would enable increased rail transport and reduce the road transport distances for companies, thereby reducing their freight costs in The Nord-du-Québec region. The environmental gains would also be significant because there would be a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, by acting as a logistics hub and intermodal zone, the CLIC would increase access to strategic infrastructure through the provision of rail services and its multi-user approach. The transshipment site proposed by the proponent is the first phase of the project and intended to meet the specific needs of Nemaska Lithium for its Whabouchi mining project.

After reviewing the preliminary information in this file, the COMEV considers that additional information is needed to complete the analysis of the project. Members agreed on 9 questions for the proponent.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator to ask for additional information on the project.

5) MAINTENANCE AND PAVING WORK ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO WEMINDJI

a) Preliminary information

- *For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or the scope of the impact assessment to be carried out*

The COMEV received the preliminary information on the above project on March 8, 2017.

The purpose of this project by the Cree Nation Government is to resurface and pave the access road to the community of Wemindji for a distance of more than 16.4 km. The work involves repairing sidewalks in the urban zone, constructing and maintaining culverts, constructing drainage ditches, improving paving, and so on.

After reviewing the information submitted, the COMEV members agreed that additional information is needed before it can complete its analysis, particularly with respect to whether the paving work is necessary.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator to ask for additional information on the project.

6) MAINTENANCE AND PAVING WORK ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO WASKAGANISH

a) Preliminary information

- *For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or the scope of the impact assessment to be carried out*

The COMEV received the preliminary information on the above project on March 8, 2017.

The purpose of this project by the Cree Nation Government is to reconstruct ditches, clean and repair culverts, and repave 23 km of the access road to Waskaganish.

After reviewing the information submitted, the COMEV members agreed that additional information is needed before it can complete its analysis, particularly with respect to the work schedule and whether the paving work is necessary.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator to ask for additional information on the project.

7) MAINTENANCE AND PAVING WORK ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO NEMASKA

a) Preliminary information

- *For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or the scope of the impact assessment to be carried out*

The COMEV received the preliminary information on the above project on March 8, 2017.

The purpose of this project by the Cree Nation Government is to carry out sidewalk repairs in the urban zone, build and repair culverts, dig drainage ditches, and resurface and pave more than 4.5 km of the access road to Nemaska.

After reviewing the information submitted, the COMEV members agreed that additional information is needed before it can complete its analysis, particularly with respect to whether the paving work is necessary.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator asking the proponent to provide additional information on the project.

8) VARIA

No items were discussed.

9) DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held May 16, 2017 in the COMEX office in Montréal.

Appendix I
Correspondence and follow-up -- February 15 to March 13, 2017

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	ACTION
Project – Operation of three borrow pits (BB-05, BB-06, BB-07) of less than 3 hectares by Nemaska Lithium 3214-14-052	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information – Application for exemption	Rec'd: February 10, 2017	<i>- File with the COMEV closed</i>
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Withdrawal of request.	Rec'd: March 9, 2017	
Chibougamau intermodal logistics centre by the Ville de Chibougamau 3214-28-004	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information – Application for exemption	Rec'd: February 28 2017	<i>- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or the scope of the impact assessment to be conducted</i>
Fenelon mine project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited 3214-14-038	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information: Mining operations	Rec'd: December 16, 2016	<i>- File with the COMEV closed</i>
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information – Application for exemption for ditch cleaning	Rec'd: January 31, 2017	
	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Transmittal of the impact assessment directive	Sent: February 16, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 17, 2017 Copy of directive sent to the proponent: March 7, 2017	

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	ACTION
Rose Lithium – Tantalum mine project by Critical Elements Corp 3214-14-053	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEVA	Preliminary information	Rec'd: December 16, 2016	- <i>File with the COMEVA closed (but translation of the directive under way)</i>
	Daniel Berrouard COMEVA	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Transmittal of the impact assessment directive	Sent: January 31, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 1 2017 Copy of the directive sent to the proponent: February 16 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	Preliminary information – Application for exemption	Rec'd: December 21, 2016	- <i>File with the COMEVA closed</i>
	Daniel Berrouard COMEVA	Marie-Renée Roy Provincial Admin.	Recommendation of exemption	Sent: February 16 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt: February 17 2017 Copy of the attestation of exemption sent to the proponent: March 9, 2017	

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	ACTION
Resurfacing and paving of the Wemindji access road project	Isaac Voyageur Regional Admin.	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: March 8, 2017	- <i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or the scope of the impact assessment to be conducted</i>
Resurfacing and paving of the Waskaganish access road project	Isaac Voyageur Regional Admin.	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Preliminary information	Rec'd: March 8, 2017	- <i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or the scope of the impact assessment to be conducted</i>