



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 279TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: February 28, 2018

PLACE: Murdoch Archambault Avocats
407 McGill St., suite 410
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PRESENT: John Paul Murdoch, Chairman, CNG
Kambale Katahwa, Canada
Alexandra Roio, Québec
Brian Craik, GNC
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Louis Breton, Canada

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) MEETING DECLARED OPEN AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 278TH MEETING

The minutes of the 278th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 278th meeting.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence sent and received between January 10 and February 7, 2018 is listed in Appendix A.

4) MINING EXPLORATION BY OPINACA MINES LTD.

REF. NO: 3214-14-042

➤ Preliminary information

- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts assessment to be conducted.

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on December 19, 2017.

Opinaca Mines Ltd. wishes to undertake exploration work in three distinct areas of the Eleonore property, namely VTEM East, Central and Southeast. The project will include exploratory drilling (core drilling) and trenching. Each trench will involve a maximum total area of 1 hectare and the management of up to 1000 m³ of overburden. A total of 12 trenches are planned for the three sectors of the Eleonore property in 2018.

The COMEV would like to point out that the proponent will have to ensure that the burial sites and heritage site mentioned by the tallyman for the Central and Southeast areas are properly catalogued prior to the start of the work so that these sites are not affected by the project.

The COMEV also would like the proponent to provide a progress report on the exploratory work currently underway.

After reviewing the preliminary information, the members of the COMEV agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

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

5) MINE EXPLORATION WORK AT THE ELEONORE, WABAMISK AND OLGA PROPERTIES BY OPINACA MINES LTD.

REF No: 3214-14-061

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts assessment to be conducted.

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on February 5, 2018.

With this project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. is proposing to carry out exploration work on the Eleonore, Wabamisk and Olga properties. The work will include exploratory drilling, stripping and trenching. According to the proponent, the location, number and areas to be stripped and trenched will be determined after geological survey work is completed.

After reviewing the documents provided, members agreed that additional information was needed before they can complete their analysis. The proponent will have to provide answers to the following:

1. The proponent must provide more details on the length of the accesses that may need to be built as part of the project. It will also need to specify the types of access other than land access that will be used to reach the project site, if applicable.
2. The proponent will determine the number of areas to be stripped, included their locations and surface areas, in each of the three study areas.
3. The proponent must provide a project schedule and the number of years required to completion.
4. The proponent must present the various project impacts on the physical and human environments as well as the progressive and final redevelopment measures planned.
5. The proponent must provide a report on the discussions held with the affected Cree communities.

Action: Send a letter of questions and comments to the Provincial Administrator.

6) BULK SAMPLING AT THE WINDFALL SITE, LYNX AND UNDERDOG SECTORS, BY OSISKO MINING INC.
REF. NO.: 3214-14-059

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts assessment to be conducted.

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on January 12, 2018.

Osisko Mining Inc. wishes to continue the bulk sampling work begun by Noront Resources, which was issued an attestation of exemption in December 2007. Subsequent to a new attestation of exemption issued in October 2017, this new application from Osisko Mining concerns a plan to extend the current 1,000-meter ramp and develop cross-cuts (approximately 100 meters in total). A maximum of 5,000 tonnes of mineralization samples is to be extracted.

After reviewing the documents provided, members agreed that additional information was needed before they could complete their analysis. The proponent will have to explain and demonstrate how the proposed work corresponds to the acquisition of the data necessary for the development of the deposit rather than to pre-production work before mining operations. The proponent must specify the extent to which the planned exploration work is necessary in order to develop the mining project for which an impact study directive has already been issued.

Action: Send a letter of questions to the Provincial Administrator.

7) RESURFACING AND PAVING OF THE WEMINDJI ACCESS ROAD PROJECT
REF. NO: 3214-05-085

- Responses to questions
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts assessment to be conducted.

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received additional information on the above project on January 18, 2018.

According to this proposal, the Cree Nation Government plans to resurface and pave the access road to Wemindji over a distance of more than 23 km. The planned includes the repair of sidewalks in the urban zone, construction and maintenance of culverts, installation of drainage ditches, pavement repair, and the reconstruction of a curve near Km 4.

After reviewing the preliminary information, the members of the COMEV agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

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

8) INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A HOT MIX ASPHALT PLANT AND A CRUSHER AND GRINDER AT KM 168 ON THE JAMES BAY HIGHWAY, BY LES EXCAVATIONS MARCHANDS ET FILS INC.

REF. NO.: 3214-08-014

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts assessment to be conducted.

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on January 9, 2018 and two batches of additional information on February 16, 2018.

The purpose of this project by Les Excavations Marchand et Fils Inc. is to install and operate a hot mix asphalt plant and a crushing and screening unit at kilometer 168 on the James Bay Highway. This project is part of the James Bay Road repair program planned for 2018 by the James Bay Development Corporation. This program started in 2015 and should end in 2021.

After reviewing the preliminary information, the members of the COMEV agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

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

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a) COMEV website

Vanessa Chalifour informed members that the work of adding projects to the websites has been completed. She asked members to send her any comments and suggestions for changes.

In order to continue to improve the website, a bank of five extra hours has been purchased from the consultant. Improvements to be made to the website in March will include a caption in the Projects tab and the addition of new sections (projects under review, directives, exemptions) in the Project Registry section.

Projects pending

- Proposed operation of a hot mix asphalt plant in each of the quarries located at km 168 and km 207.9 on the James Bay highway by the Société de développement de la Baie-James, Ref. No: 3214-05-081
- Nemiscau CCDC camp project by Nemaska Eenou J.V., Ref. No: 3214-06-029
- Resurfacing and paving of the Nemaska access road, Ref. No: 3214-05-083.
- Mining exploration in the Eleonore sector. Information to come.

9) DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2018 in the Montreal offices of John Paul Murdoch at 407 McGill St., Suite 410.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – January 10 to February 27, 2018

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Bulk stripping and sampling at the Cancet property by Metals Tech Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-060	John Paul Murdoch COMEUV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent January 12, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Darren Smith Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd.	Attestation of exemption	Sent February 5, 2018 Rec'd COMEV le 5, 2018	
Crushing and temporary storage of brick, concrete and asphalt waste at the old Opémiska landfill in Chapais, project by Ville de Chapais Ref. No.: 3214-16-076	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Mélanie Gagné Ville de Chapais	Attestation of exemption	Sent 17, 2018 Rec'd COMEV le 17, 2018	
Crushing and temporary storage of brick, concrete and asphalt waste at the old Opémiska landfill in Chapais, project by Ville de Chapais Ref. No.: 3214-16-077	John Paul Murdoch COMEUV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent 12, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Mélanie Gagné Ville de Chapais	Attestation of exemption	Sent February 8, 2018 Rec'd COMEV le 8, 2018	
Installation of boat launch ramp at KP 223 on the Rupert par River by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-04-034	John Paul Murdoch COMEUV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent 12, 2018	
James Bay Lithium mine project by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	John Paul Murdoch COMEUV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Transmittal of the impact study directive	Sent 12, 2018	
	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.	Transmittal of the impact study directive	Sent February 5, 2018 Rec'd COMEV le 7, 2018	

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Chibougamau intermodal logistics centre by the Ville de Chibougamau – Phase IB Ref. No.: 3214-28-004	John Paul Murdoch COMEY	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent January 15, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Jean-Sébastien Gagnon Ville de Chibougamau	Attestation of exemption	Sent February 6, 2018 Rec'd COMEV February 7, 2018	
Second Entry Point into the Community Ref. No.: 3214-05-084	John Paul Murdoch COMEY	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Recommendation of exemption	Sent January 12, 2018	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Rhonda Oblin Cooper Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Attestation of exemption	Sent January 16, 2018 Rec'd COMEV January 16, 2018	
Application for exemption of mining exploration work at the Eleonore, Wabamisk and Olga properties by Opinaca Mining Ltd Ref. No.: 3214-14-061	France Trépanie GoldCorp Eleonore	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent January 4, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEY	Preliminary information	Sent February 5, 2018 Rec'd COMEV February 6, 2018	<i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted</i>
Operation of a hot mix asphalt plant in the quarries located at km 168 of the James By Highway by Les Excavation Marchand et Fils Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-014	Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent November 27, 2017	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEY	Preliminary information	Sent January 29, 2018	<i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted</i>

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Installation and operation of a hot mix asphalt plant and a crusher and grinder at km 168 of the James Bay highway, by Les Excavation Marchand et Fils Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-014	Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Additional information - Fuels	Sent February 6, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Additional information - Fuels	Sent February 16, 2018 Rec'd COMEV February 20, 2018	<i>Pour information</i>
	Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Responses to questions and comments of February 1 and 13, 2018	Sent February 13, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Responses to questions and comments of February 1 and 13, 2018	Sent 16, 2018 Rec'd COMEV February 20, 2018	<i>Pour information</i>
Bulk sampling at the Windfall site, Lynx and Underdog sectors, by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	Alexandra Drapack Osisko Mining Inc.	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent December 19, 2017	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent January 12, 2018 Rec'd COMEV January 12, 2018	<i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted</i>
Nemiscau CCDC camp by Nemaska Eenou J.V. Ref. No.: 3214-06-029	Nemaska Eenou J.V.	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent November 20, 2017	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent January 19, 2018 Rec'd COMEV January 19, 2018	<i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted</i>
Resurfacing and paving of the Wemindji access road project Ref. No.: 3214-05-085	Martin Desgagnés Cree Nation Government	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Responses to questions	Sent January 18, 2018	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Responses to questions	Sent January 18, 2018 Rec'd COMEV January 22, 2018	<i>For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted</i>