



la Convention  
de la Baie-James  
et du Nord québécois

**Comité d'évaluation**  
**Evaluating Committee**

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**MINUTES OF THE 281<sup>ST</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

**(Adopted)**

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**DATE:** June 12, 2018

**PLACE:** Murdoch Archambault Avocats  
407 McGill St., Suite 410  
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 2G3

**PRESENT:** John Paul Murdoch, Chairman, CNG (via telephone)  
Kambale Katahwa, Canada (via telephone)  
Alexandra Roio, Québec  
Brian Craik, GNC  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Louis Breton, Canada  
  
Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary (via telephone)

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**1) New COMEV Chair**

The process to appoint a new Chair of the COMEV is under way. Kambale Katahwa will inform COMEV as soon as his appointment becomes official.

**2) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**3) Adoption of the minutes of the 280<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 280<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate the minutes of the 280<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**4) Correspondence**

Correspondence and follow-up between May 8 and July 11, 2018 is listed in Appendix A.

**5) Installation of 16 hydrometeorological stations by Hydro-Québec**

**Ref. No.: 3214-28-005**

- Preliminary information
- Additional information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on May 7, 2018. Additional information was received on June 5, 2018.

Hydro-Québec plan is to install 16 hydrometeorological stations spread over the territory of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Government, all located south of the 55th parallel. The hydrometeorological stations will be used to collect data that will be used by Hydro-Québec for operations, production planning, environment, safety and civil engineering.

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, the COMEV decided that this project can be exempted from the assessment process.

As soon as possible, the COMEV would like to receive the minutes of the consultations with the tallymen.

**Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that this project be exempted from the assessment process.**

**6) Bulk sampling at the Windfall site, Lynx and Underdog sectors, by Osisko Mining Inc.**

**N/Réf : 3214-14-059**

- Preliminary information
- Additional information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted r

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on January 12, 2018. Un Additional information was received on May 1, 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 submitted by the proponent, the COMEV decided that this project can be exempted from the assessment process.

**Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that this project be exempted from the assessment process.**

**7) Varia**

**a) COMEV website**

No new developments regarding the website.

**b) Projects pending**

Operation of a hot mix asphalt plant in the quarries located at km 168 and 207.9 of the James Bay Highway by the Société de développement de la Baie-James, Ref No.: 3214-05-081 (waiting for responses from the proponent)

- i. Application for exemption for mining exploration work on the Eleonore, Wabamisk and Olga properties by Opinaca Mines Ltd., Ref. No.: 3214-14-061 (waiting for responses from the proponent)
- ii. Nemiscau CCDC camp by Nemaska Eenou J.V., Ref. No.: 3214-06-029 (waiting for responses from the proponent)
- iii. Construction for a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by the Projet éolien Oujebougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C., Ref. No. 3214-05-082 (waiting for responses from the proponent – 2016 Project)

**8) Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 and the offices of John Paul Murdoch, 407 McGill Street, Suite 410, in Montréal.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up – May 8, to June 11, 2018**

<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - comments</b>
Installation of hydrometeorological stations by Hydro-Québec Ref. No: 3214-28-005	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent May 16, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt May 18, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Claude Major Hydro-Québec	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent May 25, 2018	
	Maribelle Provost Hydro-Québec	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Additional information	Sent May 31, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Additional information	Sent June 5, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 5, 2018	
Operation of a gravel pit and crushing unit in Waswanipi by Entreprise PJS Ref. No: 3214-03-039	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent May 16, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt May 18, 2018	
Nemiscau CCDC camp project by Nemaska Eenou J.V. Ref. No: 3214-06-029	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent May 16, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt May 18, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Hamid Arroudj Nemaska Eenou Company	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent May 29, 2018 Rec'd COMEV May 29, 2018	
Operation of a quarry and a hot mix asphalt plant at km 85.5 and operation of a quarry at km 168 of the James Bay Highway by the Société de développement de la Baie-James Ref. No: 3214-05-081	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent May 16, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt May 18, 2018	

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Permanent protection of four planned biodiversity reserves: Lac-Wetetnagami, Lac-Taibi, Lac-Dana and Tourbières-Boisées-du-Chiwakamu Ref. No: 3214-18-009	Francis Bouchard Direction des aires protégées MDDELCC	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	File closed	Sent May 10, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	File closed	Sent May 18, 2018 Rec'd COMEV May 18, 2018	
James Bay Lithium mine project by Galaxy Lithium Inc.	Vanessa Chalifour COMEV	Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium Inc.	Request for translation of impact study directive	Sent May 10, 2018	