



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 283RD MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: October 11, 2018

PLACE: Conference call

PRESENT: Alexandra Roio, Québec
Brian Craik, GNC
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Louis Breton, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: John Paul Murdoch, Chairman, CNG

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 282nd meeting.

The minutes of the 282nd meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and file the minutes of the 282nd meeting.

3) Correspondence

Correspondence sent and received between September 4 and October 10, 2018 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Installation of launching ramp by the Festival du Doré Baie-James

Ref. No.: 3214-04-035

- 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 as well as additional information on the above project on August 28, 2018.

The Festival du Doré Baie-James plans to renovate the launch ramp at the municipal pier located at Lake Opemisca. This ramp, which is used by tourists and vacationers, has deteriorated and presents a breakage risk for users' vehicles. The objectives of the project are a) to renovate the launch ramp, b) to have a ramp that is safe and conforms the standards for the boats and c) to allow for better attachment of the new wharf, which has been in place for two years.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV decided to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

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

5) Installation and operation of a mobile concrete plant in the Waswanipi sector by Pavex Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-05-084

- 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 August 28, 2018. Additional information arrived on September 11, 2018.

Pavex Ltd. plans to install and operate a mobile concrete plant in an existing sandpit in order to carry out maintenance and improvements to Route 113.

After reviewing the documents from the proponent, the COMEV decided to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

The COMEV understands that the certificate attesting the conformity of the work and the supporting documentation, issued by the Eeyou Istchee James Bay government, will be sent to the Administrator as soon as possible. The COMEV also understands that the equipment usually required in the event of a spill will be readily available on site, if necessary.

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

6) Stripping of 12 overburden areas at the Sirmac site by Vision Lithium inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-063

- Preliminary 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 October 11, 2018.

Vision Lithium Inc. would like to carry out stripping work, as part of preliminary exploration work at the Sirmac site. This work should provide more detail on the geology in the sector. Such knowledge will be used to guide future mining exploration work in the area.

After reviewing the document provided, COMEV would like to ensure that the proponent has been informed the relevant tallyman(men) about the project. The proponent will need to inform the Administrator on this, and in particular about any concerns that were expressed. Once the COMEV has this information, it can complete the analysis of this file.

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

7) Varia

a) COMEV website

No new developments regarding the COMEV website.

b) COMEV members and chair for 2018-2019

Louis Breton announced that Geneviève Bélanger of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will replace Kambale Katahwa on the COMEV. Official federal confirmation of this appointment is expected shortly.

To ensure the presidency for 2018-2019, Louis Breton offered to fill the position. We are awaiting a letter from the federal government to officially confirm him.

c) Projects pending

- i. 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)
- ii. 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)
- iii. Construction of 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 in Montreal on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the COMEX office, Tour de la Bourse, 800, Victoria Square, Suite 25.30.

Appendix A
Correspondance and follow-up -- Sept. 4 to October 11, 2018

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Installation of hydrometeorological stations by Hydro-Québec Ref. No: 3214-28-005:	Maribelle Provost Hydro-Québec	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Minutes of meetings with tallyman	Sent July 23, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Minutes of meetings with tallyman	Sent September 4, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 4, 2018	<i>For information</i>
Construction of structural steel arch at km 19.8 on the LA1 road to Laforge 1 dam by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-085	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent September 6, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt September 7, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Raymond Thibault James Bay Development Corporation	Attestation of exemption	Sent September 24, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 26, 2018	
Operation of a quarry and mobile concrete plant at 254.4 on the James Bay highway by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent September 6, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt September 7, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Raymond Thibault James Bay Development Corporation	Attestation of exemption	Sent September 21, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 25, 2018	
Project to reposition and operate a bituminous concrete plant near Waskaganish, by Construction Michel Lacroix Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-015	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent September 6, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt September 7, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Michel Lacroix Construction Michel Lacroix Inc.	Attestation of exemption	Sent 19, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 19, 2018	

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Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Nemiscau CCDC camp project by Nemaska Eenou J.V. Ref. No: 3214-06-029	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Project update	Sent September 13, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt September 13, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Hamid Arroudj Nemaska Eenou Company	Project update	Sent September 17, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 18, 2018	
Installation and operation of concrete plant in Waswanipi sector by Pavex Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-05-084	Charles D. Delisle Ressources Environnement	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Additional information	Sent August 31, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Additional information	Sent September 11, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV September 11, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
12 strippings of overburden at the Sirmac site by Vision Lithium Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-063	Olivier Lemieux Services GFE	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent October 1, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent October 11, 2018 Rec'd by COMEV October 11, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>