



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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MINUTES OF THE 284TH MEETING OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

DATE: December 14, 2018

PLACE: COMEX offices
800 rue Square-Victoria, suite 25.30
Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1J2

PRESENT: Louis Breton, Chairman, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada (via telephone)
Brian Craik, CNG
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Alexandra Roio, Québec
Daniel Berrouard, Québec

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) COMEV New chairman

Members were informed that the Federal Government has passed the resolution naming Louis Breton as the new chairman of the COMEV for 2018-2019.

2) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as written.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 283rd meeting

The minutes of the 283rd meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and file the minutes of the 283rd meeting.

4) Correspondence

Correspondence sent and received between October 12 and December 13, 2018 is listed in Appendix A.

5) Moblan Lithium project by Lithium Guo Ao Ltd

Ref. No.: 3214-14-062

➤ 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 17, 2018.

The proponent plans to operate an open pit mine and a lithium concentrator at the Lac Moblan site, which is located about 80 km north-west of the Cree community of Mistissini. The mine will cover about 23 hectares and the mine life is estimated at 18 years.

Members reviewed a draft directive and made some changes to the text before deciding that it can be forwarded to the Provincial Administrator.

Action: Transmit the impact assessment directive to the Provincial Administrator.

6) Development of a lake sturgeon spawning site at KP 113 on the Eastmain River by the Niskamoon Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-17-008

- 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 22, and additional information on December 5, 2018.

The Niskamoon Corporation would to develop a lake sturgeon spawning area at KP 113 on the Eastmain River. The objectives of the project are 1) to develop a spawning area of approximately 1420 m² at KP 113 on the Eastmain River, 2) to improve breeding success and recruitment of the lake sturgeon population downstream from the closure point, 3) to curb population decline, and 4) to support traditional Cree and recreational fisheries.

After reviewing the documents from 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.

7) Operation of a quarry near km 85 of the James Bay road by Trimix Béton Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-03-041

- 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 November 6 2018, and additional information on December 13, 2018.

Trimix Béton Inc. would like to operate a quarry near 85 on the James Bay highway. The granular materials extracted from the site will be used as part of road maintenance on the highway.

After reviewing the documents from 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.

8) Operation of a temporary asphalt plant near km 85 of the James Bay highway by Trimix Béton Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-08-017

- 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 November 8, and additional information on December 12, 2018.

Trimix Béton Inc. Trimix wishes to install a temporary asphalt concrete plant near km 85 of the James Bay Highway as part of its maintenance and improvement work.

After reviewing the documents from 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.

9) Operation of a quarry and a temporary asphalt plant near km 125 of the James Bay highway by Trimix Béton Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-08-016

- 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 November 8, 2018 and additional information on December 12, 2018.

Trimix Béton Inc. would like to operate a quarry near 125 on the James Bay highway. As part of the same project, the proponent plans to operate an asphalt concrete plant as part of its repair work on the James Bay highway.

After reviewing the documents from 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.

10) Varia

a) COMEV website

No new developments regarding the website.

b) Letter of thanks to Kambale Katahwa

Subsequent to the departure from the committee of Kambale Katahwa, a thank you letter has been drafted which will be sent to him by email.

Action: Send letter of thanks.

c) Projects pending

- i. Operation of a quarry near km 598 of the James Bay Highway by Carrière Taïga, Ref. No.: 3214-03-040 *(On the agenda for next meeting)*
- ii. Project – stripping of 12 overburdens at the Sirmac site, Ref. No.: 3214-14-063 *(waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- iii. 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)*
- iv. 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)*

11) Date and place of next meeting

The date of the next meeting has not been set. Members will be sent a Doodle survey in mid-January to determine the date of the next meeting,

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – October 12 to December 13, 2018

| Project | From | To | Document | Date | Action - comments |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Installation and operation of asphalt plant in Waswanipi sector by Pavex Ltd Ref. No.: 3214-05-084 | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Recommendation of exemption | Sent October 22, 2018 Ack. of receipt October 22, 2018 | |
| | Charles D. Delisle Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Certificate of non-contravention | Sent September 18, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MDDELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Certificate of non-contravention | Sent October 31, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 1, 2018 | <i>For information</i> |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Jacques Ferland Pavex Ltée | Attestation of exemption | Sent November 6, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 7, 2018 | |
| Installation of launching rampy by Festival du Doré Baie-James Ref. No.: 3214-04-035 | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Recommendation of exemption | Sent October 22, 2018 Ack. of receipt October 22, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Danny Boulianne Festival du Doré Baie-James | Attestation of exemption | Sent November 6, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 7, 2018 | |
| Stripping of 12 overburdens at Sirmac site by Vision Lithium Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-063 | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Transmittal of questions and comments | Sent October 12, 2018 Ack. of receipt October 15, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MDDELCC | Yves J. Rougerie Vision Lithium Inc. | Transmittal of questions and comments | Sent October 17, 2018 Rec'd COMEV October 17, 2018 | |
| Development of lake sturgeon spawning ground at PK 113 on the Eastmain by the Niskamoon Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-17-008 | Jean-Simon Roy WSP Canada Inc. | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Preliminary information | Sent October 22, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MDDELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent October 22, 2018 Rec'd COMEV October 23, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Louis Belzile WSP Canada Inc. | Patrick Beaulac Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Additional information | Sent November 27, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Additional information | Sent December 5, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 6, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |

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| Operation of asphalt plants in the quarries located at km 168 et 207.99 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081 | Anne-Marie Leclerc Consortium Norda Stelo/Stantec | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Notice of abandonment of project | Sent August 15, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MDDELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Notice of abandonment of project | Sent October 17, 2018 Rec'd COMEV October 17, 2018 | |
| Moblan Lithium project by Lithium Guo Ao Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-062 | Jin Gao Lithium Guo Ao Ltd | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Preliminary information | Sent October 20, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MDDELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent October 17, 2018 Rec'd COMEV October 17, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Operation of a quarry near km 85 of the James Bay Highway by Trimix Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-041 | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC | Preliminary information | Sent October 24, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent November 6, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 6, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Additional information | Sent December 4, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Additional information | Sent December 13, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 13, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Operation of an asphalt concrete plant near km 85 of the James Bay Highway by Trimix Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-017 | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Preliminary information | Sent October 24, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent November 8, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 13, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Additional information | Sent December 4, 2018 | |
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| | Mireille Paul MELCC | John Paul Murdoch COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent November 8, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 13, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Additional information | Sent December 5, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Additional information | Sent December 12, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 12, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Operation of a quarry near km 78 of the Villebois-Selbaie-Joutel road by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-03-042 | Anne-Marie Leclerc Consortium Norda Stelo/Stantec | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Preliminary information | Sent November 15, 2018 (FR) Sent November 20, 2018 (EN) | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent November 27, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 28, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | File closed | Sent December 13, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 13, 2018 | |
| Operation of a quarry near km 598 of the James Bay Highway by Carrière Taïga Ref. No.: 3214-03-040 | N/D | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Preliminary information | Sent November 22, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent December 3, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 3, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| Installation and operation of a concrete and cement plant on lot 77, rang X, Canton de Laas by Blais et Langlois Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-018 | Alexandre Skeates Ressources Environnement | Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MELCC | Preliminary information | Sent November 19, 2018 | |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | Preliminary information | Sent December 3, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 3, 2018 | <i>For recommendation</i> |
| | Mireille Paul MELCC | Louis Breton COMEV | File closed | Sent December 10, 2018 Rec'd COMEV December 10, 2018 | |

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| New COMEV Chair | Ron Hallman Federal Administrator | Louis Breton Environment and Climate Change Canada | Appointment as COMEV Chair | Sent November 16, 2018 Rec'd COMEV November 22, 2018 | |
| JBACE 2018-2023 Strategic Plan | Michèle Leduc- Lapierre | Vanessa Chalifour COMEX | JBACE 2018-2023 Strategic Plan CCEBJ | Sent October 29, 2018 | |