



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 288TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: July 15, 2019

PLACE: Édifice Marie-Guyart
675 René-Lévesque Blvd. E.
Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7

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

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 287th meeting

The minutes of the 287th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 287th meeting.

3) Correspondence

Correspondence sent and received between June 5 and July 14, 2019 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Bulk sampling of 25 000 MT (Fenelon project) by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited

Ref. No.: 3214-14-064

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

On February 11, 2019, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information concerning a project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited to conduct bulk sampling of 25,000 metric tonnes (Fenelon project). On May 30, the COMEV received the responses to its questions and comments sent in April 2019.

With this project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited plans to conduct an underground exploration drilling campaign and a bulk sampling of 25,000 metric tonnes to confirm the potential for new mineralized zones and to define future development potential and the detailed engineering for the Fenelon deposit.

From what we understand, the volumes required to conduct the metallurgical tests account for more than half of the resources identified to date. In addition, many of the responses provided by the proponent to the questions and comments sent to it by the COMEV are unsatisfactory or difficult to verify.

In view of the foregoing, the COMEV is of the opinion that Wallbridge Mining Company Limited should integrate this acquisition of knowledge into the development and operation phase of the Fenelon project, for which a directive is currently being prepared based on the preliminary information that the proponent sent to the Provincial Administrator on May 24, 2019. As such, a recommendation for a directive for the proposed development and operation of the Fenelon mine project, as well as for the exploration work that is the subject of this letter, will be forwarded to you at a later date.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that this project be subject to the review process.

5) Construction of a permanent camp (Fenelon project) by Balmoral Resources Ltd.

Ref. No.: 3214-06-030

- Preliminary information
- Additional information
- Additional information (responses to questions)
 - 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 February 11, 2019 and additional information on March 13, 2019. Responses to the COMEV's questions and comments, sent in April of 2019, were received on May 30.

According to this proposal, Balmoral Resources Ltd. wants to build a permanent camp with a capacity for 162 people, replacing the existing temporary camp that has a capacity of 80 people. The justification for increasing capacity is the work leading up to operations at the Fenelon deposit. The planned work involves the modification of existing infrastructure, which will be carried out in two phases: the upgrade to standards of the sanitary wastewater treatment facilities for 80 people and then the expansion of the camp to house 162 workers, including the modification of the wastewater treatment system and the drinking water distribution system.

After reviewing the information, the COMEV would like Balmoral Resources Ltd. to know that the bulk sampling of 25,000 MT (Fenelon project) by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited will be, at the COMEV's recommendation, integrated into the development and operation phase of the mining project. Thus, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited will be required to submit an impact study for its mining project before it is given approval to proceed with the work it planned to undertake this summer.

In these circumstances, the COMEV would like to know what Balmoral Resources LTD intends to do in terms of its schedule and the nature of the work that it intends to carry out as part of its application to obtain a certificate of exemption for this project.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator informing him of the COMEV's recommendation concerning the exploration and mining projects at the Fenelon mine.

6) Varia

a) COMEV website

No new developments.

b) Projects pending

- i. Project -- stripping of 12 overburdens at the Sirmac site, Ref. No.: 3214-14-063
(waiting for responses from the proponent – 2018 project)
- ii. 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 2016)*
- iii. Construction of a permanent camp (Fenelon project) by Balmoral Resources LTD, Ref. No.: 3214-06-030 *(On agenda for next meeting)*

7) Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via conference call.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – June 5 to July 14, 2019

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Dewatering of pits J-4 and 87 at the old Troilus mine site Ref. No.: 3214-14-025	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent June 10, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt June 10, 2019	
Installation of an asphalt plant at km 254 for the James Bay highway repair project, Construction Norascon Inc. for the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-08-020	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent June 10, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt June 10, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	David Fortin Construction Norascon Inc.	Attestation of exemption	Sent July 11, 2019 Rec'd COMEV July 11, 2019	
Tamaani Internet project Phase 5	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Ron Hallman Federal Administrator	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent June 10, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt N/A	
	Anne-Marie Gaudet Selection Committee	Daryl Combden Kativik Regional Government		Sent July 4, 2019 Rec'd COMEV July 4, 2019	
Construction of a permanent camp (Fenelon project) by Balmoral Resources Ltd Ref. No.: 3214-06-030	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (responses to questions) – English version	Sent May 26, 2019 Rec'd COMEV June 10, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Bulk sampling of 25 000 MT (Fenelon project) Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (responses to questions) – English version	Sent May 27, 2019 Rec'd COMEV June 10, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Mine development and operation at the Fenelon project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent May 24, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Louis Breton COMEV		Sent June 10, 2019 Rec'd COMEV June 10, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
	N/D	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information – English version	Sent June 25, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent July 8, 2019 Rec'd COMEV July 9, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>