



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 289TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: Mid-September 2019

PLACE: Email exchanges

PRESENT: John Paul Murdoch, Chairman, CNG
Brian Craik, CNG
Louis Breton, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada
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 288th meeting

The minutes of the 288th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 288th meeting.

3) Correspondence

Correspondence sent and received between July 15 and September 17, 2019 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Project development and operation of the Fenelon mine by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited

Ref. No: 3214-14-064

➤ 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 by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited on June 10, 2019.

In this project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited would like to develop a high grade gold deposit by sinking two deep shafts to the mineralized zone from the existing portal and shafts. The plan is to transport the mined ore to an ore processing plant in the region for gold production by custom milling.

Members reviewed a draft directive and made some modifications to the text before agreeing that the directive will be sent to the Provincial Administrator.

Action: Forward the impact study directive to the Provincial Administrator.

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

Ref. No: 3214-06-030

- Preliminary information
- Responses to questions and comments
 - 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 committee's questions and comments, sent in April of 2019, were received on May 30. Finally, the responses in connection to the follow-up of the application for exemption were received on September 5, 2019.

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. Increasing the capacity will require 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 studying the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV decided to recommend that the project be exempted from the review process.

However, the COMEV would like to point out that the exemption of this project should not interfere with the social and environmental impacts assessment and review process initiated as part of the Fenelon gold mine project.

Action: Send letter to Provincial Administrator recommending the project be exempted from review process.

6) Varia

a) COMEV website

No new developments concerning the website.

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. New landfill in Wemindji project, Ref. No : 3214-XX-XXX) *(On the agenda for next meeting)*

7) Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. via conference call.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up -- July 15 to September 17, 2019

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Bulk sampling of 25 000 MT (Fenelon project) by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No: 3214-14-064	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent July 17, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt July 17, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited		Sent July 29, 2019 Rec'd COMEV July 31, 2019	
Installation of a permanent camp (Fenelon project) Balmoral Resources LTD Ref. No: 3214-06-030	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up of project with the proponent (transmittal of questions and comments)	Sent July 17, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt July 17, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Darin Wagner Balmoral Resources LTD		Sent July 29, 2019 Rec'd COMEV July 31, 2019	
	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited	Marc Croteau MELCC	Responses to questions and comments	Sent August 19, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent September 5, 2019 Rec'd COMEV September 5, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
New Landfill in Wemindji Project	Cree Nation of Wemindji	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Preliminary information	Sent August 22, 2019	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent August 26, 2019 Rec'd COMEV August 26, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Best-practice guidance for project proponents: Project-related public participation and engagement in the James Bay Territory	Michèle Leduc-Lapierre JBACE	Vanessa Chalifour COMEX	Best-practice guidance for project proponents: Project-related public participation and engagement in the James Bay Territory	Sent August 6, 2019 Rec'd COMEV August 6, 2019	