



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 299TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: March 22, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Daniel Berrouard, Chairman, Québec
Isabelle Auger, Québec
Brian Craik, CNG
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Louis Breton, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) New Executive Secretary of the COMEV

Vanessa Chalifour informed that members of the COMEV that as of March 22, 2021, Sophie Cooper will be taking over the position as Executive Secretary of the Committee.

2) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

3) Adoption of the minutes of the 298th meeting

The minutes of the 298th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 298th meeting.

4) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence sent and received between February 10 and March 21, 2021 is presented in Appendix A.

5) Meeting 299A – held March 5, 2021 via videoconference

a. Underground exploration ramp, underground drilling and bulk sampling in Sector 51 of the Fenelon Project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited

Ref. No.: 3214-14-059

- a) Preliminary information
- b) Additional information #1 (suspension of the mining project analysis)
- c) Additional information #2 (responses to questions and comments)
 - For recommendation on whether the project can be exempted from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted.

On October 22, 2020, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information regarding an underground ramp, underground drilling and bulk sampling project in Sector 51 of the Fenelon Project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited. Additional information arrived December 22, 2020 and January 22, 2021.

With this project, Wallbridge Mining Company Limited would like to carry out some underground development work along with its surface exploration program. Underground work will involve drilling as well as bulk sampling of 25 000 tonnes, mainly in Sector 51.

After reviewing the proponent's documentation, the members of the COMEV decided to recommend that this project be exempted from the review process.

Action: Send letter to Provincial Administrator
Forward a recommendation of exemption

6) Expansion and operation of a quarry and hot mix asphalt plant at km 550 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-05-081

a) Preliminary information

- For recommendation on whether the project can be exempted from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On January 8, 2021, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on a project to expand the quarry and operate a hot mix asphalt plant at km 550 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation.

The purpose of this quarry expansion and plant is to provide the materials necessary to carry out repair work of the James Bay Highway.

After reviewing the proponent's documentation, the members of the COMEV decided to recommend that this project be exempted from the review process.

Action: **Send letter to Provincial Administrator**
 Forward a recommendation of exemption

7) Construction of a 120 kV powerline to connect the Windfall mine

Ref. No.: 3214-09-029

a) Preliminary information

- For recommendation on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on February 2, 2021.

With this project, Hydro-Québec plans to construct a 95 km (approximation) 120 kV hydroelectric line in order to connect the future Windfall mine, a gold project belonging to Osisko Mining Inc., to other existing facilities within Hydro-Québec's transmission grid. The goal of the project is to supply the mine with electric power for its operations.

Members reviewed a draft directive and proposed some changes before agreeing that the directive should be sent to the Provincial Administrator.

Action: **Send a letter the Provincial Administrator**
 Forward the directive

8) Varia

a) Projects pending

- i) Stripping of 12 overburdens at the Sirmac site, Ref. No.: 3214 14-063 (*Waiting for responses from proponent–2018 project*)
- ii) Construction of a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by Projet éolien Oujé-Bougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C., Ref. No.: 3214-05-082 (*Administrative closure of the file by the MELCC in 2018 –Verification is needed to confirm that this file is closed officially*)
- iii) Site preparation and excavation of an access ramp – Gladiator Project by Bonterra Resource Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-14-065 (*Waiting for responses from proponent*)
- iv) Operation of a borrow pit and hot mix asphalt plant at km 323 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation (Groupe Synergis), Ref. No.: 3214-05-081 (*On the agenda for the next meeting*)

b) Selection of a new Chairmanship for 2021-2022

Vanessa Chalifour reported that the representative for the Quebec Government will continue to chair the COMEV until March 31, 2021. As of April 1, 2021, a representative for the Cree Nation Government will take over the Chairmanship for 2021-2022. The COMEV is waiting for confirmation from the Cree Nation Government.

9) Next meeting

Members of the COMEV will be sent a Doodle poll to determine the date of the next meeting.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – February 10, to March 21, 2021

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Environmental rehabilitation of sites at the old Lake Pau fuel depot, the old KA-5 cement plant and the old Bowen contractor's area, by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-16-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent February 10, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt February 10, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Gilbert Lemens Hydro-Québec	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent February 24, 2021 Rec'd COMEV February 10, 2021	
Operation of a quarry and hot mix asphalt plant at km 323 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Energy Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent February 10, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt February 10, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Charles D. Delisle Groupe Synergis		Sent February 16, 2021 Rec'd COMEV February 16, 2021	
	Charles D. Delisle Groupe Synergis	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (responses to questions and comments)	Sent February 23, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV		Sent March 4, 2021 Rec'd COMEV March 4, 2021	
Site development and drilling of a ramp – Gladiator project by Bonterra Resources Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-065	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent February 10, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt February 10, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources Inc.		Sent February 15, 2021 Rec'd COMEV February 15, 2021	
Development and operation of two (2) quarries, one at km 28 du of Laforge-1 Road, one at km 446 of the Trans-Taiga, by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption sent	Sent February 10, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt February 16, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Moussa Tine James Bay Development Corporation	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent February 26, 2021 Rec'd COMEV March 2, 2021	
Stripping of 12 overburdens at the Sirmac site by Vision Lithium Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-063	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Rougerie Vision Lithium inc.	Update of file	Sent March 1, 2021 Rec'd COMEV March 8, 2021	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Yves Rougerie Vision Lithium inc.	Closure of file Including the confirmation email from the proponent	Sent 10, 2021 Rec'd COMEV March 10, 2021	

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Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Underground ramp, underground drilling and bulk sampling in Sector 51 of the Fenelon project by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of a recommendation of exemption	Sent March 5, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt March 8, 2021	
Construction of a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by Projet éolien Oujé-Bougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C. Ref. No.: 3214-05-082	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Josée Guibord Evolugen	Update of file	Sent March 18, 2021 Rec'd COMEV March 18, 2021	