



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 302ND MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: August 3, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

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

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Brian Craik, GNC

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 301st meeting

The minutes of the 301st meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 301st meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence sent and received between June 26 and August 3, 2021 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Construction and operation of a trench landfill (LEET) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation

Ref. No.: 3214-16-081

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure or the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On June 10, 2021, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received preliminary information about the planned construction and operation of a trench landfill (LEET) for the Eastmain Mine project by Benz Mining Corporation.

According to the information received, Benz Mining Corporation plans to construct and operate a trench landfill (LEET) to manage waste materials generated by its exploration activities, including the presence of a camp that will accommodate up to 45 people.

After reviewing the documents from the proponent, the members of the COMEV have decided that additional information is needed continue their analysis. Thus, the proponent will be asked to respond to some questions and comments to be included in the letter to the Provincial Administrator.

Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward questions and comments

5) Expansion of borrow pit GD-17 at Nemaska by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska

Ref. No.: 3214-03-046

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure or the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On June 16, 2021, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information regarding a plan to expand the GD-17 borrow pit at Nemaska.

According to the information provided, the proponent would like to expand the existing borrow pit to take advantage of the accesses already in place as well as the pit's proximity to the village of Nemaska. This expansion would meet the community's short- and mid-term needs for sand and gravel for road construction and other municipal work.

After reviewing the documents provided by the proponent, the members of the COMEV have decided that additional information is needed to continue their analysis. Thus, the proponent was asked to respond to some questions and comments to be included in the letter sent to the Provincial Administrator.

Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward questions and comments

6) Varia

a) Projects pending

- 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 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Bulk sampling at the James Bay Mine site by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-14-055 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Site preparation and sinking of a mine ramp – Gladiator project by Bonterra Resources B Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-065 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

7) Next meeting

A Doodle survey will be sent to members to determine the date of the next meeting.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – June 26 to August 3, 2021

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Operation of a gravel/sand pit and hot mix asphalt plant at km 323 of the Billy-Diamond Highway by Construction Norascon inc. Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	David Fortin Construction Norascon inc.	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent June 30, 2021 Rec'd COMEV July 2, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Site development and excavation of a ramp at Gladiator Project by Bonterra Resources In inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-065	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent July 7, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt July 12, 2021	
Windfall Lake Mine project by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additions and modifications to the impact study directive	Sent July 22, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt July 22, 2021	
Bank stabilization project at Champion Lake by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3219-01-002	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Transmittal of preliminary information	Sent July 23, 2021 Rec'd COMEV July 23, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
Operation of a quarry and hot mix asphalt plant at km 254 of the Billy-Diamond Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-15-081	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Émil Tagho James Bay Development Corporation	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent July 26, 2021 Rec'd COMEV July 27, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Repair of a boat ramp upstream from weir PK 170 on the Rupert River by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-04-037	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Jean H. Paradis Cree First Nation of Nemaska	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent July 13, 2021 Rec'd COMEV July 30, 2021	<i>For information</i>