



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 304TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: November 3, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

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

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Meeting declared open and adoption and the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 303rd meeting

The minutes of the 303rd meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and file minutes of the 303rd meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence sent and received between October 7 and November 3, 2021 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Bulk sampling project in the Caribou and Lynx 4 zones – Windfall project be Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No. 3014-14-059

- Preliminary information
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the review process, or on the scope of the impacts study to be conducted

Note: Isabelle Auger left the meeting during this discussion.

On September 28, 2021, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received preliminary information concerning a bulk sampling project in the Caribou and Lynx 4 sectors of the Windfall mine project.

According to this information, the proponent wants to extend the access ramp so that they can carry out bulk sampling in the Caribou and Lynx 4 sectors. The proposed project includes extending the access ramp towards the target areas, constructing a paddock for the extracted ore, expanding the existing waste rock pad, building a new mining wastewater treatment plant, relocating the final effluent from the mining wastewater treatment plant, and constructing new permanent buildings.

Given the scope of the proposed project, the COMEV consider the information provided by the proponent to be insufficient. Moreover, several elements of the proposed project raise the question of their necessity during an exploration phase. The members agreed that they require additional information before continuing with their analysis. Accordingly, the proponent will need to respond to some questions and comments that will be included in a letter sent to the Provincial Administrator.

**Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Transmission of questions and comments**

5) 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 Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-065 *(Under analysis)*
- Construction and operation of a trench landfill (LEET) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation. Ref. No.: 3214-16-081 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Expansion of the GD-17 borrow pit at Nemaska by the Cree Nation of Nemaska. Ref. No.: 3214-03-046 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

6) Next meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and February 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – October 7 to November 3, 2021

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Shoreline protection project at Champion Lake by the Cree first Nation of Ref. No. 3219-01-002	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent October 20, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt October 20, 2021	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Jean H. Paradis Cree First Nation of Nemaska		Sent October 22, 2021 Rec'd COMEV October 22, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Gladiator project – Site preparation and sinking of a mine ramp by Bonterra Resources Inc. Ref. No. 3214-14-065	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources Inc	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (Responses to 3rd series of questions and comments)	Sent October 14, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent October 26, 2021 Rec'd COMEV October 26, 2021	