



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 313TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE (COMEV)**

(Adopted)

DATE: 313: October 31, 2022

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Geneviève Bélanger, Canada, Chair
Louis Breton, Canada
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Nicholas Poirier, Québec

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) 313th meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 312th meeting

The minutes of the 312th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 312th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence and follow-up for the period September 30 to October 31, 2022 is presented in Appendix A.

4) Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-03-049

- 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

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on August 29, 2022.

The proponent, Osisko Mining Inc., would like to operate a borrow pit as part of exploration work at the Windfall mine, and in particular for the construction of pumping and accumulation basins and stockpiles. This project is directly adjacent to an existing borrow pit near the Windfall mine site. The proponent is currently preparing its impact study for the construction and operation of an underground gold mine, a directive for which was issued in 2017 and a revision in February 2022.

On May 6, 2022, an attestation of exemption was issued for bulk sampling work at the Caribou and Lynx-4 zones at the Windfall mine site, which included the expansion of the waste rock pile, the construction of a mineralized material pile, expansion of the underground ramp, galleries and ventilation shafts, and the construction of 4 new basins, ditches and a water treatment plant. The operation of the above borrow pit was not part of the attestation because the proponent believed that it had sufficient reserves of granular materials to carry out the planned work. However, since the attestation of exemption was issued, the proponent realized that the exploration work will require more granular materials than anticipated.

After reviewing the documents from the proponent, the COMEV decided that it needs additional information before continuing its analysis. The proponent will be asked to respond to various questions and comments, which will be included with a transmittal letter.

Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward 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)*
- Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska, Ref. No.: 3219-01-002 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Construction and operation of a remote landfill (LETI) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Expansion of an existing quarry and reopening of the old sand pit at km 58 of Route 19900 (formerly R-1005) by the Ministère des Transports du Québec. Ref. No.: 3214-03-022 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Opening and operation of a sand pit near Lake Lardet by Les équipements J.V.C. inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-048 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Environmental rehabilitation of a former service station on the Trans-Taïga Road by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles. Ref. No.: 3214-16-085 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Construction of the Nadoshtin Residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin inc. Ref. No.: 3214-06-031 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

6) Next meetings

The next meetings of the COMEV are scheduled for December 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023 via videoconference.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up – September 30 to October 31, 2022					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Dismantling of the main camp and satellite camps of a former outfitter in the Trans-Taiga Road area by the MERN Ref. No.: 3214-16-084	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent October 24, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt October 26, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
Construction of the Nadoshtin Residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin inc. Ref. No.: 3214-06-031	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of request for additional information (questions and comments)	Sent October 24, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt October 26, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Noureddine Mouncef James Bay Energy Corporation		Sent October 26, 2022 Rec'd COMEV October 27, 2022	