



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 314TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: February 8, 2023

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) The 314th meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 313th meeting

The minutes of the 313th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 313th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence for the period November 1, 2022 to February 8, 2023 is presented in Appendix.

4) Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc.

Ref. No.:3214-03-049

- Preliminary information
- Additional information (responses to QC)
- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On August 29, 2022, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information for the above project. Additional information was received on December 9, 2022.

The proponent, Osisko Mining Inc., would like to operate a borrow pit as part of the exploration activities at the Windfall mine, notably for the construction of accumulation ponds and storage pads. The proposed borrow pit is located near Windfall mine, for which the proponent is currently preparing its impact study.

A certificate of exemption was issued on May 6, 2022 for the bulk sampling of the Caribou and Lynx-4 zones at the Windfall mine. That project included the expansion of the waste rock pile, construction of a stockpile for mineralized material, and construction of 4 new ponds and a water treatment plant. The current borrow pit project was not included in the original project because the proponent believed it had sufficient reserves of granular materials to carry out the work. However, since the issuance of the certificate of exemption, the proponent has learned that the exploration work will require more granular materials than anticipated.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV recommended that this project be exempted from the social and environmental impacts assessment procedure.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
 Recommendation of exemption**

5) Sirmac Project – Bulk sampling of 50,000 tonnes by Vision Lithium

Ref. No.: 3214-14-068

- 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 for the above project on December 6, 2022.

For the Sirmac project, the proponent would like to conduct the bulk sampling of 50,000 tonnes of ore for metallurgical testing. The project will involve rock blasting and excavation work using a hydraulic shovel. The project design does not include a storage area for waste rock or overburden because the rock will be transported offsite for processing.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV members agreed they needed more information before completing their analysis. The proponent will be sent questions and comments for their response.

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

6) Varia

a) COMEV Chairmanship

Sophie Cooper reminds the COMEV members that the Federal party retains its responsibility as Chairperson until March 31, 2023. As of April 1, 2023, the Chair reverts to the Cree party for 2023-2024. The COMEV is waiting for confirmation from the Cree Nation Government representatives on this matter.

b) 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*)
- Hub-and-spoke mining project – Chibougamau by Doré Copper Mining Corp. Ref. No.:3214-14-069 (*directive being drafted*)
- Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.:3214-05-086 (*under analysis*)

7) Next meetings

The next meetings of the COMEV are scheduled for April 4, 2023 and May 3, 2023 by videoconference.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up – November 1, 2022 to February 8, 2023					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-049	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent November 11, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt November 11, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Andréanne Boisvert Osisko Mining Inc.		Sent November 17, 2022 Rec'd COMEV November 18, 2022	
Dismantling of the main camp and satellite camps of a former outfitters in the Trans-Taiga Road sector (Ref. No.: 3214-16-084)	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Stéphanie Morin MERN	Transmittal of certificate of exemption	Sent November 25, 2022 Rec'd COMEV November 28, 2022	
Sirmac Project – Bulk sampling of 50,000 tonnes by Vision Lithium Ref. No.: 3214-14-068	Yves Rougerie Vision Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Preliminary information	Sent November 17, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent December 2, 2022 Rec'd COMEV December 6, 2022	
Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-049	Andréanne Boisvert Osisko Mining Inc.	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Additional information (responses to questions and comments)	Sent December 2, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent December 9, 2022 Rec'd COMEV December 9, 2022	
Hub-and-Spoke mining project – Chibougamau by Doré Copper Mining Corp Ref. No.: 3214-14-069	Silvain Arseneault Englobe Corp.	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Preliminary information	Sent November 16, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent December 13, 2022 Rec'd COMEV December 14, 2022	

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Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.: 3214-05-086	Alexis Deshaies Chantier Chibougamau Ltée	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Preliminary information	Sent December 1, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent December 15, 2022 Rec'd COMEV December 16, 2022	