



la Convention  
de la Baie-James  
et du Nord québécois

**Comité d'évaluation**  
**Evaluating Committee**

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**MINUTES OF THE 315<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

**(Adopted)**

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**DATE:** April 4, 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) Meeting 315 declared open and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**2) Présidence du COMEV**

Geneviève Bélanger will continue to chair the COMEV pending an attestation from the Cree Nation Government to transfer the chair to a representative of the CNG.

**3) Adoption of the minutes of the 314<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 314<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as written.

**Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 314<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**4) Correspondence and follow-up**

Correspondence sent and received for the period February 9 to April 4, 2023 is listed in Appendix A.

**5) “Complexe en Étoile” mining project – Chibougamau by Doré Copper Mining Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-069**

- Project notice - 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 December 14, 2022.

The project involves the opening of a mining complex comprised of two underground copper mines, Corner Bay and Devlin, as well as the reopening of the former Copper Rand industrial complex. The project is located within the city limits of Chibougamau approximately five kilometers from the center of town. The three sites are located on the shores of Lac Chibougamau; Corner Bay and Devlin are in the southern sector of the lake and Copper Rand in the northern sector near Lac aux Dorés. In the Devlin and Corner Bay projects, related facilities such as waste rock piles, ore stockpiles, a topsoil pile, a crushing plant, and management and water treatment installations will be developed in the mine areas. At the Corner Bay site, an access ramp, underground galleries, and a surface water pond are already in place due to past exploration work.

The ore extracted from the Corner Bay and Devlin sites will be shipped to the Copper Rand site, which will be dedicated to ore processing and tailings management. The Copper Rand site includes a former mine, a tailings site and a disused industrial complex that closed in 2008. The new industrial complex will be built on the footprint of the old facilities, most of which will be rehabilitated.

After reviewing all the information from the proponent, the COMEV agreed to forward to the Provincial Administrator, in the form of a directive attached to its letter of transmittal, its recommendation on the scope of the environmental and social impact study to be carried out by the proponent.

**Action:**     **Send letter to Provincial Administrator**  
                  **Forward the impact study directive**

## 6) Varia

- a) **Clarification concerning the project to build forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée (3214-05-086) (Ref. No.: 3214-05-086)**

On March 22, 2023, the COMEV received a letter from the MELCCFP informing the members of the COMEV of a correction to its application for a project analysis. The COMEV has suspended its analysis pending clarification on further action to be taken.

### 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)*
- Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.: 3214-05-086 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Opening and operation of a new quarry in Nemaska by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska (Ref. No.: 3214-03-050) *(In analysis)*
- 2023-2024 road repair and maintenance of the Billy Diamond Highway and Chisasibi Road by the James Bay Development Corp. (Ref. No.: 3214-05-081) *(In analysis)*
- New Lagoon Cell in Waskaganish by the Cree First Nation of Waskaganish *(In analysis)*

## 7) Next meetings

The next meetings of the COMEV are scheduled for May 3 and June 15, by videoconference (Teams).

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up – February 9 to April 4, 2023</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - comments</b>
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 recommendation of exemption	Sent February 13, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt February 13, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Andréanne Boisvert Osisko Mining Inc.	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent March 1, 2023 Rec'd COMEV March 1, 2023	
Opening and operation of a new quarry in Nemaska by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-03-050	Richard Lévesque Poly-Géo inc.	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Preliminary information sent	Sent February 15, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent February 27, 2023 Rec'd COMEV February 28, 2023	
irmac project – Bulk sampling of 50 000 tonnes by Vision Lithium Ref. No.: 3214-14-068	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Request for additional information	Sent March 2, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt March 2, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Yves Rougerie Vision Lithium		Sent March 8, 2023 Rec'd COMEV March 9, 2023	
2023-2024 repair and maintenance work on the Billy Diamond Highway and Chisasibi Road by the James Bay Development Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Gino Beauchamp WSP	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Preliminary information sent	Sent February 27, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent March 3, 2023 Rec'd COMEV March 3, 2023	
New Lagoon Cell in Waskaganish by the Cree Nation of Waskaganish Ref. No.: to come	Brenda Weistche Cree Nation of Waskaganish	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Preliminary information sent	Sent March 1, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent March 15, 2023 Rec'd COMEV March 17, 2023	

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Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.: 3214-05- 086	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Correction to the application for exemption	Sent March 21, 2023 Rec'd COMEV March 22, 2023	